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Has Wayne hired Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer to plow its streets?

During last night's snow storm, if you stood on Michigan Avenue at the Wayne-Canton border, the Canton side was plowed and salted and easy driving. The Wayne side was snow-covered, slippery, and risky.

Why? Has Wayne hired Dennis Archer to plow its streets?

Township shouldn't promote oversize winter sports complex

There's a shortage of ice rinks. Canton needs two arenas to handle all the local figure skating and hockey talent.

But Canton doesn't need another roadside attraction, which is what the township's indirect subsidies to Griffin are trying to create.

Inflated plans have called for an indoor golf range, an indoor soccer field, restaurants, and movie theaters, and a \$1-million Las Vegas-style sign.

Why doesn't the township just build two arenas and let its parks and recreation department run them at a tolerable loss?

No doubt the township will end up holding the bag for Griffin or whoever ends up building the bloated roadside attraction with the tall tacky neon sign.

In the long run, it will be much cheaper to keep things simple.

Construction traffic will slow down I-275 worse than snow storms

Traffic on I-275 has been slow during this winter's snow storms, but it will be even slower during the upcoming spring-summer-fall road construction season when MDOT tears up seven miles of roads.

When eight lanes are cut down to six, traffic flow will be strangled, especially during rush hour, which is already a crawl.

The state will be spending \$50 million to delay traffic for another year, as if spring-summer-fall 1998 wasn't bad enough. Only road construction can increase congestion on bad roads.

Then what's the purpose of highway construction? If you follow the money, it's obvious that the only beneficiaries are the asphalt companies and their political cronies in Lansing, who coincidentally receive large contributions from the road construction industry.

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Scout's honor

Romulus Boy Scout -- and Eagle Scout candidate from Romulus Troop 833 -- John Stratton presents younger scout Matthew Buhmerkemper with a series of toys and other gifts collected for the young Romulus resident, whose family was burned out several months ago. Stratton has made his Eagle project a collection effort to aid the young scout's family. MCN Special Photo

'Metro' midfield terminal contractor hired by county

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Construction of the \$366 million Detroit Metro Airport midfield terminal is about to begin and is expected to be completed in the last quarter of 2001.

This announcement was made jointly last week by Ray Vecchi, Northwest Airlines President of Michigan Operations, and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

Named as general contractor of the massive project is Huber, Hunt and Nichols of Indianapolis...the same company currently constructing Tiger Stadium.

McNamara once again vowed "the county and Northwest are working closely to insure that the new terminal is built on time and on budget and that the facility showcases the very best of our community."

He added "our airport is the first impression we make on



Ed McNamara

many visitors; we want that impression to be welcoming and pleasant."

The project includes a terminal building, an East Concourse with 66 jet aircraft gates and a West Concourse with an additional eight jet gates and 25 commuter aircraft gates.

A "People Mover" will be featured on the East Con-

course that will allow the movement of people from one end of the mile-long concourse in just two and a half minutes.

It is projected that a centralized luggage handling system will be added to minimize luggage processing and delivery times.

The terminal that will be owned by Wayne County and leased by Northwest Airlines, will also include high arched ceilings, open spaces and diverse airport concessions.

It was reported that the competitive process for a general contractor has taken over 15 months and recently was narrowed to four construction teams.

The decision to give the contract to Huber, Hunt and Nichols came last week and carried the award price of \$365,523,239.

HHN will now award sub-contracts worth millions of dollars to smaller firms and suppliers -- expected to include 2,000 full time workers.

Local tornado season nears

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Worries about snow and ice soon will be easing, but a far greater fear of escalating numbers of southeastern Michigan tornadoes may soon arise.

Advance weather forecasters are predicting a higher number of severe spring and

summer storms -- that are prone to bring with them deaths, serious injuries and heavy damage.

Margaret Leduc, the city's emergency management director, reminds residents that most tornadoes happen between 3 and 7 p.m. during the months of April - July, but actually can happen at any time.

St. Pat's enforcement planned by the police

Romulus police will be joining others to make sure that local roadways will be safe from drunken drivers around the festive St. Patrick's Day celebration period.

Actually the police patrols will be increased tomorrow and will peak on Wednesday -- the actual Irish holiday -- in an effort to keep celebration time injuries and deaths to a minimum.

Lt. James Rafalski, head of the Community Neighborhood Services unit, in addition plans to have four to six extra patrol units available on St. Patrick's Day.

As an added feature, Romulus police have solicited the help of Nick Alabakis,

owner of Nick's Bar and Grill, in encouraging groups to select designated drivers prior to Wednesday evening and night parties.

To add to the festivities that day, promotional packets have been created bearing selected stones. Each one will have one green Blarney Stone, which designates the bearer as an official designated driver for the group.

That Blarney Stone holder will be presented complimentary snacks and non-alcoholic drinks from Alabakis.

Nick's Bar plans St. Patrick's Day specials and entertainment. It is located at 31222 Ecorse road near Merriman in Romulus.

While such fierce storms usually remain on the ground for only minutes at a time...they can create all types of human and structural damage.

Because the tornado season is only a month away, Leduc urges homeowners and business leaders to plan in advance what areas of the buildings will be used as shelter areas.

Make sure that radios and TVs that will be used for emergency information gathering are in good shape and are in key locations.

Devising tornado drills at home and at work are also extremely important, she said.

Also plan what to do after a storm, before the tornado season begins, Leduc advises.

Those plans should include: •knowing key areas to check homes, buildings and vehicles for damage.

•stockpiling approved and chlorinated drinking water supplies.

•keeping lists of important phone numbers (electric company, insurance agents, etc.) handy for quick reference in an emergency.

•after storms hit make sure to check electric power lines for problems.

2 sudden deaths stun and sadden the Romulus area

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The sudden deaths of 1999 Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce winner Zeffie Beanum -- a week before she was to be honored -- and popular young Romulus High School honor roll student Davette Edwards saddened Romulus area residents last week.

Mrs. Beanum -- a long time Romulus activist, quality parent and step mom to 20 others -- fell critically ill early last week.

Chamber executive secretary Karan Johnson called this writer last Tuesday to ask for a notice to be published that the planned weekend testimonial dinner was to be cancelled.

Mrs. Beanum's condition worsened and she died on Wednesday.

Chamber leaders hope that some type of memorial service, luncheon or dinner can be set up to honor their 19th annual Person of the Year's memory.

It was the first time in its history that the Romulus Chamber had to cancel such a festivity, chamber officials said.

Instead of this weekend's planned dinner-dance, Mrs. Beanum's memory and her impact on the Romulus community were outlined and praised at her funeral conducted at the Church of Our Father in Detroit on Monday.

Among her survivors was a daughter, Diane Meriweather, wife of Romulus High School's Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather.

Mrs. Beanum's condition worsened and she died on Wednesday.

Meanwhile at the other end of the age spectrum -- Romulus teens were shocked to hear of the sudden death of their friend and classmate, Danette Edwards.

Danette, only 15, was already displaying many of the same fine qualities Mrs. Beanum was to be honored for, school officials said.

City Recreational Director and School Trustee Debbie Dick reported Danette had already developed a history of volunteerism at the city's rec center ... teaching them to read and assisting with the city's annual Easter Egg hunt.

School officials reacted to the news of Danette's death due to a bacterial type of meningitis by sending letters to parents of Romulus High students, alerting them to physical symptoms of the disease.

The suddenness of Danette's illness and then death had school officials and local parents concerned, but on Monday Principal Daniel Hurst said he had received no calls about any other possible cases of the disease.

Students and faculty members reportedly attended the weekend viewing and funeral of the young student.

Storm forces various flight cancellations

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

American, United and Northwest Airlines were forced to cancel some incoming and outgoing flights at Detroit Metro Airport in recent days -- often because of weather conditions in Chicago or Minneapolis.

Last Saturday about 200 passengers were stranded at Metro Airport because of the snowstorm that hit the Metro area overnight, compared to about 2,000 early in January.

At press time more snow was falling at Metro Airport in Romulus, which could force Northwest Airlines to impose additional selective flight cancellations.

Also over the weekend, three non-English speaking visitors from Japan caused a breach of airport security, when they inadvertently walked into a security area.

Airport spokesman Michael Conway said local travelers immediately called the breach

Last Saturday about 200 passengers were stranded at Metro Airport.

of security to airport officials notice and the trio were stopped, quizzed and later released since it was apparent the breach was an accident and no threatening action had been planned or took place.

Conway said the new \$1 1/2 million electronic camera system "worked perfectly" and the three Oriental men were found quickly and were carrying the same items shown in the film.

It appears a security agent was talking to another traveler and didn't notice the trio, Conway said. International signs -- rather than English -- are used in most airports like Metro, but apparently the foreign visitors didn't notice the signs.

No further action is slated in this matter, Conway added.

Rural route homes didn't get surveys

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Some rural route residents in Romulus did not get copies of the survey forms sent out by the city and school district, one resident reportedly told Romulus and school district leaders last week at a special city hall meeting.

The resident said he was disturbed by the apparent lack of concern shown by public officials, who are studying area

opinions as to whether a city/school district pool and recreational center should be constructed.

"I finally caught up with Superintendent Dr. William Bedell on Monday," the citizen said, "and he stated maybe the committee headed by Councilman Leroy Burcroff would be willing to put on a mini-study on the issues for any homeowners, who want to learn more about the pool/rec center issues."

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Fidh, Cagnon in Junior Miss

Brains and beauty run in the school system.

For the second year in a row, two local high school girls were selected to compete in Alpena for the title of Michigan's Junior Miss.

Wayne-Westland's Junior Miss Kristen Fidh, a John Glenn senior, and Courtney Cagnon, first runner-up, a Wayne Memorial senior, will represent the district. In Alpena, Cagnon will compete as Wayne Memorial's Junior Miss.

"We are honored this year by a request from the state level to send two representatives from our community," said Pat Hermatz.

Perhaps state sponsors were impressed by the district's two entrants last year, when Wayne-Westland's Junior Miss Stephanie Mead, a dancer and art student from John Glenn, was chosen Michigan's Junior Miss.

"Can we make it a repeat?" Hermatz asked.

To train for the state contest, Fidh and Cagnon leave for Alpena on March 14 to begin a week filled with interviews and rehearsals leading up to the March 20 main event.

The pair, who won scholarship money in the Wayne-Westland pageant, have an opportunity to win more scholarship money and a trip to America's Junior Miss Finals in Mobile, Alabama.

Fidh has already won a \$1,500 scholarship for winning the scholarship competition and \$700 for placing first in the interview portion of the local contest.

Cagnon had won \$1,200 for First Runner-up and \$500 for the Fitness Award.

In Alpena, Fidh will perform a Broadway jazz dance routine. Cagnon will sing songs from *The Sound of Music*.

Community members interested in joining the cheering section may call Pat Hermatz at (734) 721-5220 for more information.



Kristen Fidh



Courtney Cagnon

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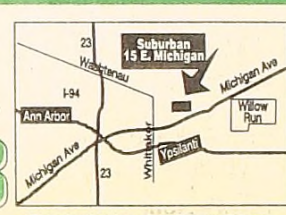
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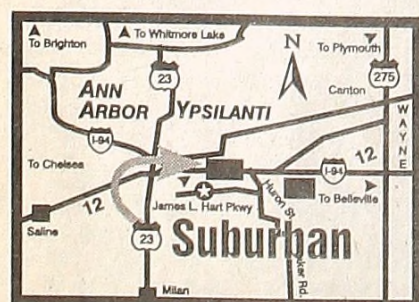
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Day late and sticker short for garbage day

By KAREN MEIER
MCN Special Writer

The last box bearing the name of the moving company has been emptied and the last thing has found a home, finally!

It took about a week to do it, but it's done. It looks like we live here and that's a great feeling! Tony made a proclamation last night before going to bed, "This is home!" And you know what, it really is feeling like that.

Joe had a good first week in his new first grade classroom. When I picked him up from school this past Friday, he had a proud and happy smile on his face as he climbed into the van. He'd been awarded two certificates that day, some prizes, and a treat for his reading accomplishments and "terrific" behavior.

He was quite pleased and I was quite pleased for him!

Learning the whereabouts of things, both here at home and out in my new world, is taking some time, but I've figured out a lot already. Like the garbage situation.

Mondays are garbage days and I did not know that in time

for our first Monday here. And when I found out, quite by accident incidentally, it was Joe's first day of school. When I got back to the house after taking Joe and his little brothers to the elementary school to get Joe registered and to get him all settled in the classroom, I noticed a jogger coming down our street. I asked her about garbage day explaining we'd just moved in and had a lot of junk to throw out. She said, in a quite out of breath fashion, "It's atoday."

"Yikes, I'd better get moving," I said without saying a word; my panicked fluttering movements toward my just-moved-in-junked-up garage said it for me.

And then the jogger shouted to me, "You have stickers, don't you?"

Stickers? I whirled back around. "Stickers? What kind of stickers?"

"Garbage stickers. They won't take your garbage unless it has stickers." And then she was too far down the road to ask any more questions.

Well, okay. I had helpful information. Monday's are garbage days and I needed stickers. Now then, to find out

the whereabouts of stickers. This was to be a challenge – the former owners of our new house left no telephone book behind.

I didn't have city hall's phone number; I didn't have the sanitation department's number; I didn't have anybody's phone number! Not even my own -- although I did have a phone.

But what the number was I had no idea. And then I had a thought -- I'd call the realtor, her card was on my counter. That's what I'd do. She'd know phone numbers. So I called and she did. She looked the city hall number up for me and the phone company's number so I could ask what our phone number was. I was set!

Both phone calls -- the one to city hall and the one to the phone company -- were twisted up and complicated and convoluted. I was on hold several times and cut off once and switched to other departments. In the meantime, the garbage truck came and went. Sigh. But the good news was that the garbage stickers could be bought at a place right on the way to Joe's school. And the other good thing was our

phone number, I had one!

On the other hand, there was some not so good news. The stickers are \$1.25 a piece. Boy, time for giving the biceps a good workout, a workout that would definitely pay off.

I decided right then and there that trash-compacting could be the next exercise craze. It's practical, it's necessary, it's miserly, I mean economical, and it makes sense (and cents!).

Well, today, another Monday (our second one here), our garbage got stickered, the recycle bin got filled (they have a much more comprehensive recycling program here and, unlike regular garbage, recycling is free, we don't pay or sticker or bargain or stop joggers on account of recycling), and away went our garbage, every last bit of it.

It feels good to no longer be living in Early American Moving Box digcor. It feels good knowing what to do with my garbage. It feels good not to bother passersby with my questions. It feels good to be getting it together. Little by little, day by day.

In my new house which is now our home.

NOTICE

**ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF WAYNE
Annual School Election June 14, 1999**

**LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999 4:00 P.M.**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Nominating petitions for filling one (1) vacancy as a Member of the Board of Education in the Romulus Community School District may be obtained from the office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ONE (1) - FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is Monday, April 12, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time. Petitions should contain a minimum of thirty (30) signatures of voters registered in the Romulus Community School District.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 22, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak
Absent: None
Excused: William J. Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Kathleen Lindroth, Deputy Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-057

2A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 8, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-058

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to issue a No Fee Permit for the Moslem Temple Shrine for their annual 1999 annual fund raising drive June 11-13, 1999 at intersections or in front of business places within the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-059

3B. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve the request from Gateway Lodges, L.L.C. to transfer ownership of 1998 B-Hotel licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit located at 8800 Wickham from Midwest Inns, Inc.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-060

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to wish Jean Wadsworth, wife of Councilman William Wadsworth, a speedy recovery.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-061

4B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney and proceed as directed in lawsuit of Rodriguez vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-062

4C. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to acknowledge receipt of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$44,279.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-063

4D. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Anthony Kline.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-064

4E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Marianne M. Krasuski.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-065

4F. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to acknowledge the crowning of Ms. Andrea Gibson as Miss Teen Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-066

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution for the City of Romulus in support of the City's efforts to secure a grant in reference to MDOT Transportation Enhancement Fund Application.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-067

5B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak and approve the 1999/2000 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant projects as follows:

Housing Rehabilitation	\$50,400.00
Senior Chore Program - City Wide	\$15,500.00
Historic Rehabilitation	\$40,900.00
Recreation	\$14,000.00
[Asphalt resurfacing walking track on Bibbins and Fernandez Park]	
Senior Center	\$5,200.00
[Computer classes & computer - Romulus High School & Senior Center on Bibbins & Shook Streets]	
Administration (10%) City wide	\$14,000.00
Total	\$140,000.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-068

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 98/99-24 as follows:

FUND/DEPT	CURRENT	AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET AMENDMENT BUDGET
Narcotics Enforcement Fund		
267-000.00-970.000	Capital Outlay	253,154 3,500 256,654
REMAINING		
FUND BALANCE	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE BALANCE
Narcotics Enforcement Fund	197,288	3,500 193,788

To appropriate funds for the purchase of a lap top computer for the Community Policing Unit.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-069

5D. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to introduce Budget Amendment 98/99-25 as follows:

FUND/DEPT	CURRENT	AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET AMENDMENT BUDGET
Vehicle & Equipment Fund		
661-000.00-140.00	Machinery & Equipment	1,444,905 59,000 1,503,905
REMAINING		
FUND BALANCE	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE BALANCE
Vehicle & Equipment Fund	1,602,204	59,000 1,543,204

To appropriate funds for the 5 yard dump truck.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-070

5E. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to approve amendment #1 to Nextel Lease for a new cellular tower at Fire Station #4, 28777 Eureka Road, based upon the attorney's recommendations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried.

99-071

6A1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, March 22, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments for the vacation of Heroux Street, west of Interstate 275 to its western terminus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-072

6A2. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution in support of the City Clerk of the City of Detroit resolution that legislation be introduced to amend the Michigan Election Law providing for a change in the time a city may begin processing absentee ballots.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-073

6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the second reading and final adoption of an amendment to Chapter 29, Subsection 92, Sign Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-074

9A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to schedule a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on PC-001-01-99 a proposed condominium project on Ozga Road, south of Wick Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-075

10A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to send a communication to the City of Plymouth in support of their efforts to ticket trains that block intersections for long periods of time creating a danger to residents within the City. Further to send copies to the Governor, Attorney General, Huron Township and to cities of the CSX tracks.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

99-076

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to authorize the payment of Warrant 99-04 in the grand total amount of Three Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eleven Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$337,811.85).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 22, 1999.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: March 11, 1999



David Beddingfield and Christine Postma

Postma-Beddingfield engagement revealed

Christine Ann Postma, daughter of Edward and Linda Perkins of Wayne, is engaged to marry David Michael Beddingfield of Brownstown.

The bride-elect earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed by the Taylor School District.

The groom-to-be has a bachelor's degree from Liberty University and a Master's degree

from Eastern Michigan University and currently is employed by the Taylor School District.

He is the son of Paul Beddingfield of Taylor and the late Pam Beddingfield.

Their wedding is slated for June 5, 1999 at the First Congregational Church of Wayne.

The honeymoon plans include a Caribbean cruise.



Tracie Davis and Jason Welch

Davis, Welch plan September wedding

Tracie M. Davis and Jason R. Welch, both of Taylor, have announced plans to marry in Heritage Park on Sept. 11, 1999.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mike and Bobbi Davis of New Boston. She cur-

rently works at K and S Industrial Services.

The groom-to-be is the son of Ron and Cindy Welch, also of New Boston. He works at Fairlane Woods.

A honeymoon trip to Maine, also is being planned.

People in the news...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear and Councilmen William Crova and LeRoy Burcroft spent part of this week at the National League of Cities in Washington D.C.

In addition to national budget issues, the 3,000 municipal government officials were discussing issues such as decisions in Washington that override local authority in matters of tax policy, housing and land use, transportation priorities, utility deregulation and a growing array of issues involving telecommunications services.

Workshops also were held on issues such as domestic terrorism, Year 2000 computer problems, aviation policy, hate crimes and the tobacco industry settlement.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer **James F. Nemeth**, a 1977 graduate of Robichaud High School in Inkster, recently graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I.

Nemeth joined the Navy in July 1977.

Marine PFC. **Eric M. Brancheau**, son of Sherral C. and Carl R. Overholt of Romulus, recently completed Cold Weather Training.

Brancheau and his unit were trained in cold weather warfare tactics, survival skills, mountain assaults, setting traps and making signal fires. They also were trained how to use cross-country skis and snow shoes.

Brancheau currently is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Former Detroit Red Wing star **Gordie Howe** will host a book signing event at the Henry Ford OptimEyes Super Vision Center in Westland from noon to 3 p.m. March 28.

Proceeds from the sale of the book "and HOWE will benefit the American Diabetes Association for diabetes research. The purchase is tax-deductible.

The center is located at 35184 Central City Parkway, near Wayne road, across from the Westland Shopping Center. For more information call 313-427-5200.

Dr. Anthony D. Burton, medical director for St. Joseph Mercy Health System Business Health Services clinics in Canton since 1995, has been named to a similar position at St. Joseph Mercy Health System Employee Health Services.

The new position also includes St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Burton received his training in occupational medicine at the University of Michigan and



Melanie D. Sheridan

is certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine in occupational medicine.

Steven J. Way, son of Linda and John Way of Belleville, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program on Feb. 8.

Way, a 1998 graduate of Belleville High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on April 14, according to Staff Sgt. Christopher Gulotta, U.S. Air Force recruiter at 36480 Ford road in Westland.

Air Force Airman **Melanie D. Sheridan**, daughter of Gail Sheridan of Westland, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex.

In addition, Sheridan earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Karissa Anne Cordray, daughter of Cassandra Cordray of Garden City and Sean Barnes of Westland, was born on Jan. 31, 1999 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed nine pounds and 13 ounces at birth and measured 20 inches.

Her grandparents include: Debra Cordray of Garden City, Vicki Barnes of Westland and George Barnes of Howell.

Connor Lee Schmalz, son of Gary and Shannon Schmalz of Garden City, was born on Feb. 12, 1999 at Garden City Hospital.

He weighed seven pounds and four ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

He joins a brother, Cody, at home.

His grandparents include: Rhonda and Tom Parks, Larry Schmalz and Shelley Pearson.

Samantha Lynn Russell, daughter of Jeff and Kellie Russell of Canton, was born Feb. 20, 1999 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed eight pounds and nine ounces at birth and measured 20 and 1/2 inches.

Her grandparents include: Dave and Ann Russell of Redford and Alan and Pat Dunbar of Canton.

Joanna Wang, daughter of Giming and Mei-Jung Wang of Westland, was born Feb. 26, 1999 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces at birth and measured 20 1/2 inches.

The grandparents are Ko-Chin and Hue-Chin Wang of Taipei.

Doctor joins staff at medical center

Dr. Steven Waskerwitz has joined the pediatric staff as a senior staff physician at Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton.

The center is located at 611 Haggerty road.

Waskerwitz's clinical interests include preventive pediatrics, common childhood infections and children in sports.

He received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed a pediatrics residency at Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston and Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

In addition he completed a fellowship in ambulatory pediatrics at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinic. He is board certified by the Amer-

ican Board of Pediatrics.

After 14 years of academic pediatrics in Chicago and Pittsburgh, Waskerwitz returned to Detroit in 1993 to practice at Pediatrics Associates of Farmington.

Earlier this year, he joined the Henry Ford Medical Group.

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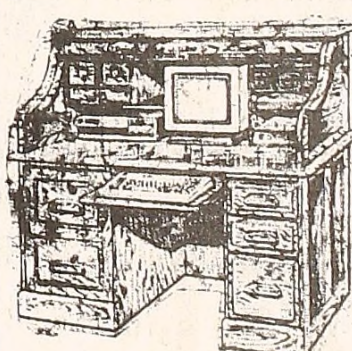
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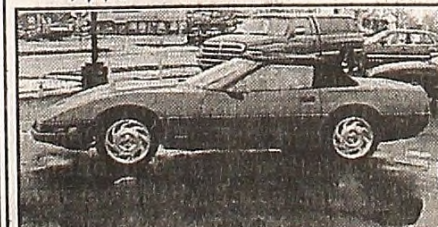
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Commitment to students boosts enrollment at Wayne County Community College

It hasn't happened overnight, but they're finally making it happen, say administrators at Wayne County Community College District's western campus in Belleville. The college is for the first time in years seeing an increase in enrollment, a result of a renewed commitment to area students.

Provost Paul Loeber says in the past, students were frustrated with class cancellations and limited choices, but WCCCD administration has committed to turning that around. "We're going to bite the bullet. We're allowing students to get a transfer degree, and we're holding classes even if the enrollment is low," he said.

The school's new attitude came about after several surveys of local students and businesses. What WCCCD found is that degree-seeking students want to attend community college, as long as it's possible to transfer their credits to four-year colleges and universities. And those who are seeking technical training want affordable, timely training that will put them in demand in the job market. Local businesses wanted one-day, job specific seminars to help their already-trained employees perform even better.

So, WCCCD listened, and lo-and-behold, enrollment increased by a third. And then it increased by a third again the following semester.

"It's very interesting how well your business can succeed when you listen to what your customers are telling you," Loeber said.

This is very good news to local students and businesses alike. With college tuition costs climbing every year, many students opt to attend community colleges. Loeber says that even Eastern Michigan University, one of the more reasonably-priced four-year universities in the state, costs double WCCCD's tuition. Figure in room and board, and the difference is even greater.

Living at home offers more advantages to students than simple costs, too. "In order to

be an effective student at a lot of schools, you have to live on campus," says Loeber. "But then, you're away from home for the first time and the structured environment is gone." This change in environment means to many students that their support system also vanishes, and they find that they're not as motivated as they were in high school. Often they find themselves too wrapped up in "extracurricular" activities, and their grades suffer.

By taking advantage of continuing family support, and cutting costs—often meaning eliminating the need to work full-time while attending classes—students at community colleges thrive, explains Loeber. "Students who attend community college for the first two years and transfer to four-year universities graduate with the same grade point averages as students who start at the four-year schools," he said.

Students are taking advantage of technical training, as well. WCCCD is offering a brand new program, so new they haven't graduated any of its students yet. But those students are already getting job offers.

The program is a spin off from the school's five-and-a-half week truck driver training program. The new course in heavy equipment maintenance is attracting students on every level, said Loeber. Students can earn a one-year or two-year certificate, or an associates degree from WCCCD, the only community college in the state to offer a heavy equipment maintenance program.

And coming soon to the college will be an associates degree in nursing. In fact, students are taking the prerequisites now in order to begin their nursing degree classes in the fall. And anyone who has

checked out the classifieds knows that well-paid registered nurses are in high demand.

WCCCD is changing their recreation attitude, too. Partnering with Ford Motor Co. and the Woodlands, the college offering a beginners and intermediate golf program this summer.

Quality programs like this are just examples of WCCCD's commitment to the community. "We've made a million-dollar commitment in personnel alone," said Loeber, explaining that hiring new full-time staff in areas like financial aid and advising takes away most of the frustration, guess work, and inconvenience that once plagued community college students.

No longer do local students have to contact the Detroit campus in order to take advantage of the school's student services. They're all available in their own back yards.

And soon, they'll even be available at the workplace. WCCCD is working on a partnership with Ford Motor Co. to offer distance learning to their full-time union employees, often right on the job site.

"This is definitely the way education has got to go," said Dennis O'Connell, assistant to the director of government affairs. "We have two interactive classrooms, one at the eastern campus, one at the northwest campus, and the next one will be here. That means we will be able to teach any class they're interested in at any hour of the day."

Changing and keeping up with technology and demands from the community, WCCCD is "working to become the kind of college they envisioned we would be when they built the campus," said O'Connell. "The primary function of this college is to take those tax dollars that we receive, and put them to use in way that serves the people of Wayne County the best."

The college will be holding an open house for the HVAC, truck driver training and heavy equipment maintenance programs this Saturday, at 9555 Haggerty in Belleville. For more information about these, or any of the college's programs, call (734) 699-0200.

Ordinance #2-16-99 (2) CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

Second reading of ordinance for adoption.
An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan Chapter 6, Article III, to add Section 6-69 prohibiting nudity on premises licensed or subject to license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 6, Article III, add Section 6-69, Nudity on Licensed Premises.

Section 2. Effective Date
This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 2nd day of March 1999.

YEAS: Hart, Clark, Budd, King, Foster and Herman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Rochowiak.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Cindy C. King, Township Clerk
Helen Foster, Supervisor

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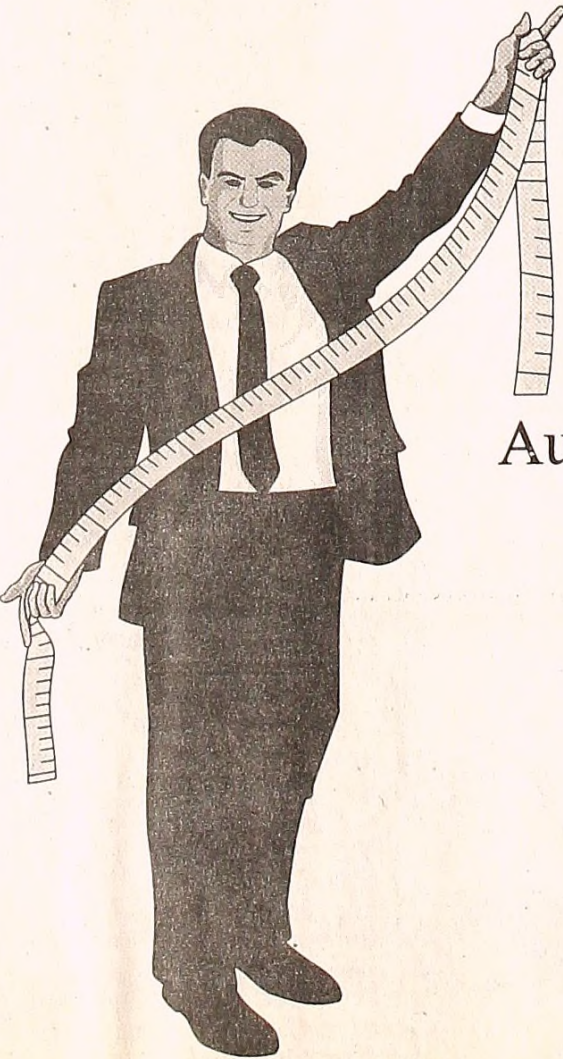
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Computers and furniture gone, Publisher keeps producing

I'm beginning to think the Plymouth-Canton *COMMUNITY CRIER* has more lives than a cat. The newspaper, the brainchild of eclectic Edward Wendover, some twenty years ago, keeps on publishing despite several events that would have forced an ordinary businessperson to throw in the towel.

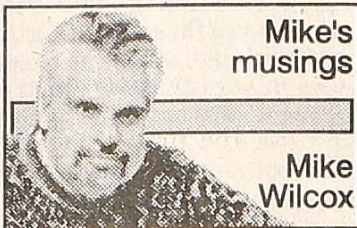
The latest crisis occurred last week when court officers entered the *CRIER* offices in downtown Plymouth and took computer equipment, furniture, and production items essential to publishing the newspaper. Instead of pronouncing death to his publication and business, Wendover rallied his staff and moved his offices to his apartment. With the help of his many friends, who provided office furniture, equipment and supplies, Wendover and the *CRIER* were back in business in a few days.

It is somewhat sketchy as to the party who initiated the latest crisis, but I am told a former *CRIER* stockholder was able to purchase a judgment against the *CRIER*. The judgment had been granted to a creditor that did printing for the *CRIER* and did not get paid. The stockholder acted on the judgment by forcing the court to take the *CRIER*'s assets.

This is only a year after the Internal Revenue Service padlocked the same offices for nonpayment of a substantial debt. Again, many of us, would have said the hell with it and exited for greener pastures. Not Wendover. He steered his way through the embarrassment and financial pressure like John Paul Jones steered his frigate through the British navy.

He is a survivor and to him and his crew I would like to tip my hat. I have no doubt they will come through the latest crisis with renewed vigor to publish a top-notch community weekly. In this day and age of consolidation and intense competitive pressures, no one knows better than I, the challenges the *CRIER* faces. That's why I

look on with admiration when I see Ed and his crew doing all they can to live another day to face the next challenge.



Mike's musings

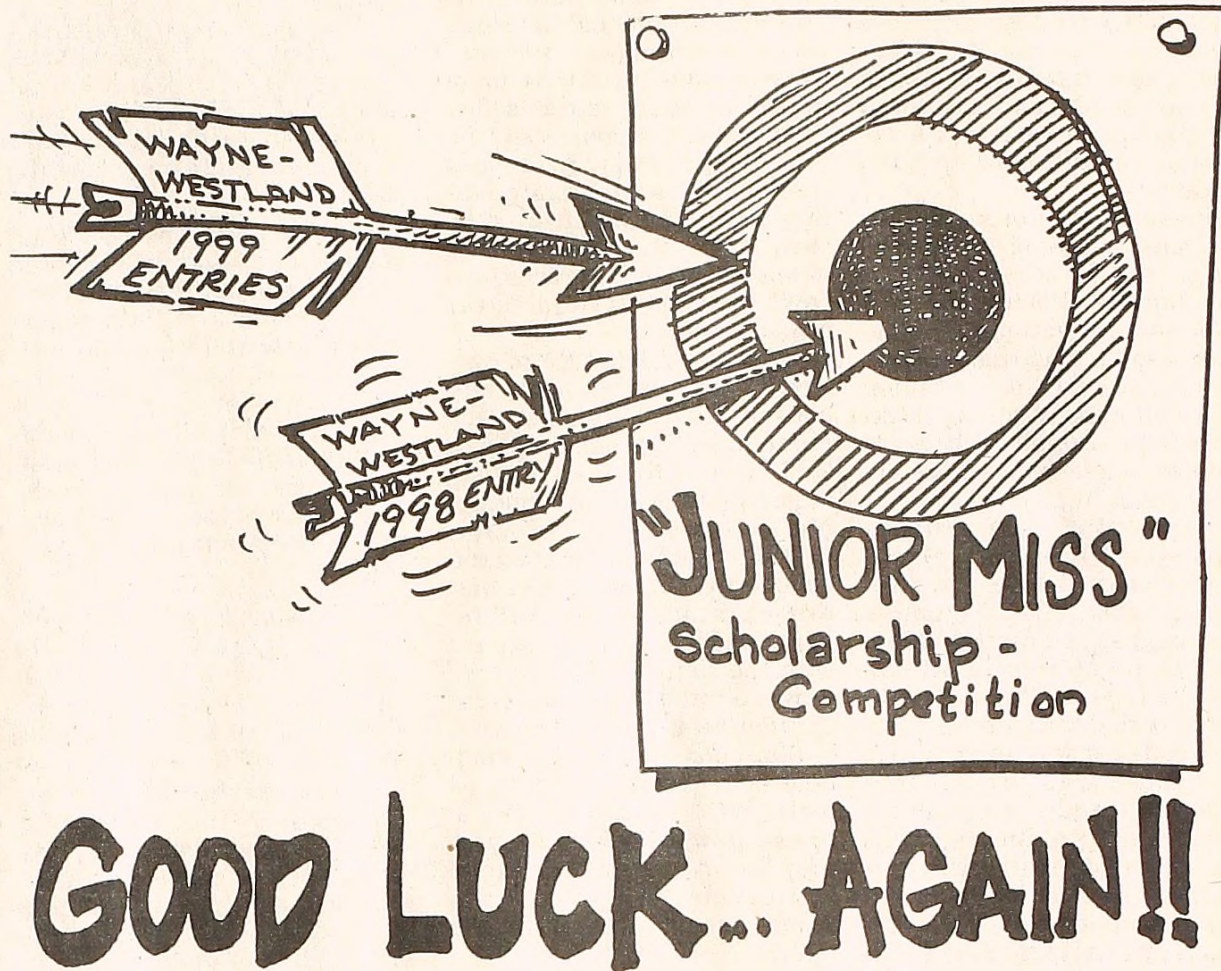
Mike Wilcox

This week MCN has produced a special supplement honoring area Ford workers. I'm not sure there is an area anywhere that has a larger concentration of Henry Ford disciples than Western Wayne and we at the newspaper want to declare loudly that we are proud to be a part of the successes created by the hardworking men and women of Ford.

It was only a decade ago when domestic autoworkers were considered to be at the bottom of the workchain. The Japanese invasion was overwhelming our auto giants with better quality and pricing. Thanks to the Ford workers, who recognized changes were necessary, domestic auto companies were able to fight off the foreign automakers and produce a record number of cars and trucks for dealers like Jack Demmer and Atchinson Ford to sell.

As evidenced by the latest round of bonuses, to this day Ford continues to be a worldwide leader in all facets of auto production. In our area, Ford workers are responsible for the quality of life we all enjoy. They single-handedly keep many of our businesses prosperous. They buy nice single family houses that make our real estate market dynamic. Their taxes contribute mightily to the growth and welfare of our local schools.

Look around and you will not be able to escape the Ford influence. Whether we know it or not, we all owe a great deal of gratitude to Ford and its workers. Here's one big, pat on the back. Thanks for making a better life for all of us, guys.



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Approve National's charter school

Traditionally, philosophers ponder the question, If a tree falls in the woods and no one hears it, does it exist?

Perhaps they should visit Royal Pointe subdivision in Canton weekday afternoons. At that time, the subdivision's streets are deserted. The husbands at their corporations, the kids in school or daycare centers. The wives out and about in their S.U.V.'s.

Nevertheless, almost all of the neighbors are so deathly afraid of the sounds of 200 cars picking up children that nobody will be around to hear that they have killed National Heritage Charter School's proposal to build a new school in the neighborhood, on the west side of Beck, north of Hanford.

This not only solves the philosophical puzzle, it powers the odds that Canton students will be educated well enough to understand, let alone solve, other academic puzzles.

Without support for improved schools, Canton students will have no choice but to settle for the Plymouth-Canton public schools' powder puff curriculum.

I find it incredible that people that can afford to live in Royal Pointe, where the homes probably sell for over \$300,000, would fight against an attempt to create better schools.

If these homeowners care to look at Plymouth-Canton's recent bench marking study, in which the district compared itself to others, they would see that areas with Royal Pointe's housing costs have better schools.

Why should Royal Pointe homeowners want less for their kids?



Ivan Helfman

If these people won't support attempts at improving education in their neighborhood, yet want to support better schools, where do they propose to build them?

I wonder where because the protesters didn't say, though a few were quoted in press accounts as saying that they supported the National Heritage Charter School's proposal, just not in their neighborhood.

I have watched neighborhood groups oppose proposed neighborhood shopping centers and office buildings. Though I support mixed pedestrian-friendly zoning, I can sympathize with them.

But how can I sympathize with neighbors, especially parents of kids, who would oppose a neighborhood school?

Are neighborhood schools the enemy? Or are children the enemy?

But I must give the parents the benefit of the doubt. They are not against their children as much as they are misinformed. They fear that the school will drop their property values.

To dispel them of this false notion, they should get Plymouth-Canton bench marking study and look at the communities with better schools than Plymouth-Canton, places like Bloomfield.

What do these communities all have in common?

High property values.

With a little thought, perhaps these residents will realize how important good schools are to a

community's stability and quality of life. By keeping National Heritage Charter School, these homeowners are weakening Canton and their own neighborhood, hurrying the day when new wannabe homeowners will leapfrog over Canton to Superior or Salem or Ann Arbor, creating more sprawl and more traffic in Canton -- much more than the 200 trips at the proposed charter school.

Not only that, but city planners are drooling over the prospect of widening Beck. Why else would the Canton Community Foundation be promoting how accessible the proposed performing arts auditorium will be after Beck becomes a highway.

That said, all is not lost with the charter school. On March 23, the township board has a chance to validate Angela Wolosiewicz, a staff planner, who, in recommending special land use approval for the school, said: "The facility will benefit the community by providing a quality educational alternative and generating property taxes as it is a private enterprise."

For the betterment of the township, children living in the township, and Royal Pointe, the board must approve the special land use.

Later, after many charter school students' successes have graced the township, homeowners will get down on their knees and thank the board for saving the township from Royal Pointe neighbors' temporary delusion.

With luck, the board will also abandon plans to "improve" Beck. While Canton needs the charter school, it doesn't need more Ford roads.



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The Hands of Abuse are Dark, Swift and Scarring

Dear Mr. Ross: I have been to hell and back and I survived. When I married at 19, my life was filled with love for my husband. After my first child was born things changed. My husband started beating on me, to the point that I had to go to the emergency room. Out of terror, I covered up the true reason for my injuries. The black eyes and broken ribs were never as bad as the actual terror he would release on me. After 2 more children, it was getting harder and harder to explain why I always had bruises or a broken wrist. Not having any friends of my own (I wasn't allowed to), I felt trapped in the grips of despair.

Until one day he beat me so bad I had to be admitted to the hospital. How was I to explain why my hair had been burned off? That my own husband raped me using multiple blunt objects? I couldn't. And that's when the endless sea of tears began. Social services worked quickly and my children were removed from their father.

My kids and I are together now at a women's shelter. There are days I feel totally paralyzed. I don't know where to begin piecing my life back together. I need so much but housing is the most important. I can stay here another 4 weeks, during which I will begin divorce proceedings. Can you help me put the pieces back together?

Anonymous ... *Carnarsie Courier*, Brooklyn, NY

Dear Anonymous: I'm so sorry for you and every other woman who has suffered abuse by the hand of a man. The next 6 months will be a blur of activity for you, so let's get started.

I'm sending \$2,000, which will set up housing and see to your most immediate needs. Then there is the obvious--having to deal with your emotions on a healing curve. It's a private journey you must undertake if you are ever to recover from the abuse. I wish you well and I hope some day you can dance like no one is watching.



Dear Mr. Ross: Some time ago I wrote and asked

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Veteran's Haven helps homeless vets recover

To the Editor:

This letter is to attest to the sterling quality of an organization known as Veteran's Haven, Inc.

In seventeen years of ordained ministry, I can state, without hesitation, that this is the finest advocate organization I have ever encountered. As chaplain of the chemical dependency ward at the Detroit Veterans Affairs Medical Center, I have on many occasions relied on Veteran's Haven to supply clothing for the many homeless veterans in recovery. Never have I been turned away and always have I been astonished at their generosity.

During conversation with Director Vince Berna I have been told of the plans for the future. Lofly plans which include housing for homeless veterans, and I do not doubt for a moment that this dream will come to fruition. I am aware of their current housing problem at Westland and of the fact that they have given away all of their non-food supplies. This setback is unfortunate, for without Veteran's Haven, veterans in the Detroit area will suffer needlessly. Please look kindly on this organization and know that any help will be greatly appreciated by those who benefit from Veteran's Haven, Inc.

Sincerely,
CH Michael Pollitt
Chaplain
Department of Veterans Affairs

School lunchrooms quit serving 'burgers and cokes'?

To the Editor:

I'm amazed to hear my grandchildren tell me that cokes and hamburgers are served in their school lunchroom. This is the worst food they can eat, no wonder so many are hyper from caffeine.

Our kids had only milk and fruit drinks in our home. And seldom hamburgers only in well baked meat loaf. Cheaper too. Another example of giving into children's wishes when it's not good for them. Mothers buy crates of cokes, poisoning kids and adults too. It's disappointing to see schools lowering standards to ease pressure, they say. Not so, dropping dress code, slipshot rules, all this promotes less of respect for authority

Mrs. David Phillips

Burger Car Show offers thanks for Sunday article

Dear Editor,

Special thanks to Michigan Community News *Eyewitness* for letting people know about the Burger Car Show already.

With only four months and four days until the July 12th Show date, things are picking up everyday.

The auction is getting bigger than any other year, with some names I will reveal at a later date.

Varsity Ford and Lincoln Mercury has joined us for another year, along with Outlaw Racing and many others.

Only March, and we already have over 60 cars scheduled to show, and we only started promoting it last week. With the help of all the press and hot rodders, this will be one of the biggest outdoor car shows around. With almost 400 cars in previous years, (Autorama is approx 500), our goal for the 7th annual Burger car show is to reach 500 cars this year, your help in attaining this goal is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,
Don Nicholson

Fed's perpetual motion machine creates prosperity

To the Editor:

Can Fed chairman Alan Greenspan keep the global economy and the US stock market afloat simply by stuffing money into them? It's worked so far. Here's how:

The liquidity lessons that Dr. Greenspan learned during the 1987 Crash were used successfully again last fall to keep the financial markets afloat. But, how long can Greenspan go on printing money?

Amazingly, the excess global capacity that all that new money has created is causing deflation in the real economy. And, of course, deflation is a darn good reason to keep printing even more money.

So, the more money that Greenspan prints, the more overbuilding of capacity takes place, and the lower prices go. Therefore, printing money causes deflation. Classical economics was wrong!

Of course, if prices go too low, businesses won't want to expand anymore. And the only ones wanted to borrow will be the poor who can't repay. That's called a liquidity trap.

But wait. The extra money could reasonably go into stock market speculation causing a financial asset bubble. So, the

more money Greenspan prints the higher stock prices go.

Eureka! A perpetual motion machine. Prosperity forever.
Walter Warren

Disgusted the way council members treat Mayor Oakley

To the Editor:

After watching the City of Romulus Council Meeting on March 1, I am compelled to write for the first time in my life. I am thoroughly disgusted with the Council's behavior during the meeting. As a life long resident of the city, I can not believe that you have such disrespect for your mayor!

The mayor of the city put a proposal on the floor to amend the budget and hire someone to clean up the City Ordinance book.

Several Council officials stated that they wanted to know the credentials of the person the Mayor wanted to hire to do this job. Excuse me, but I thought the council was there to approve the budget, not question the mayor's intelligence on whom he wants to hire.

If you want to question credentials and intelligence, maybe it should be Ms. Romack's. She used the word especially, I certainly do not find that in my dictionary. Next time Debbie, let's try the correct word...especially. And how about the phrase, Ms. Romack again, "I don't think none of us"...How about trying..."I don't think any of us". Next time you decide to ask for credentials, try to sound a little more intelligent yourself, maybe then your doubts would be taken into consideration. The council obviously does not know who runs the city. I for one did not know that they

were in charge of whom the city hires and fires. I personally do not think it is any of their business. The mayor could have just as easily asked for a budget amendment without stating who would do the job. At least some of you have your heads on straight!

Ms. Bedell
Romulus

Patterson seeks local residents' input on state issues

To the Editor:

State Rep. Bruce Patterson today announced an innovative way for local residents to have a direct link to the decision-making process in Lansing.

See **LETTERS**, page A-8

NOTICE

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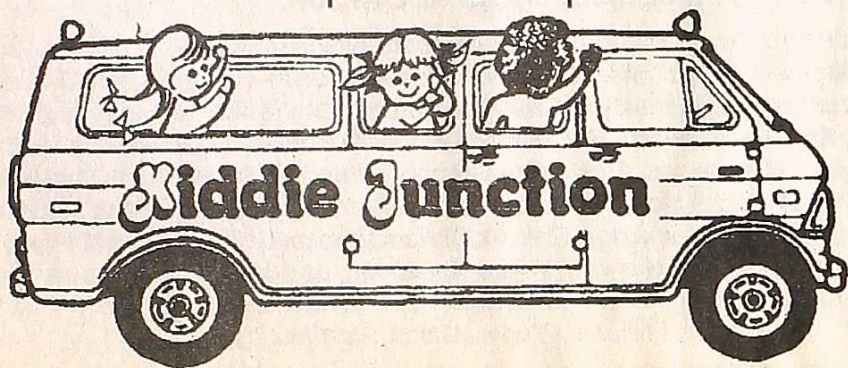
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Ordinance #3-2-99 (2)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

First reading of ordinance. Second Reading to be held at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on March 16, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. the Board Room, Van Buren Township Municipal Building, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as Amended of Van Buren Township to establish a new M-T (Industrial Transportation) District and other associated definitions and requirements.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

- Section 1. Add Article II, Definitions
- Add Section 2.02 Specific Terms
- Section 2. Amend Article XV, M-1 Light Industrial District
Revise Section 15.02.a.
- Delete Section 15.02.k. Package expediting services.
- Delete Section 15.03.b. Truck stops.
- Insert Section 15.03.h. Truck repair and maintenance facility, minor.
- Section 3. Add Article XVA, M-T, Industrial Transportation District
- Add Section 15A.01. Statement of Purpose
- Add Section 15A.02. Permitted Uses. a.-i.
- Add Section 15A.03. Permitted Uses After Special Approval. a.
- Add Section 15A.04. Prohibited Uses a. - i.
- Add Section 15A.05. Development Standards. a. - e.
- Add Section 15A.06. Protective Screening. a. - c.
- Add Section 15A.07. Site Plan Review.
- Add Section 15A.08. Area, Height, And Placement Requirements.
- Section 4. Article XVI, M-2, General Industrial District.
- Delete Section 16.02.c. Package Expediting Services.
- Delete Section 16.03.d. Truck Stops.
- Insert Section 16.03.d Air Freight forwarders.
- Insert Section 16.03.h Truck repair and maintenance facility, major.

Section 5. Article XVII, Schedule of Regulations, Section 17.02, Schedule of Regulations, Zoning District, M-1, Light Industrial.

Amend Front Yard.

Section 6. Article XVII, Schedule of Regulations, Section 17.02, Schedule of Regulations.

Insert Zoning District: M-T, Industrial Transportation.

Insert Minimum Floor Area Per Dwelling Unit b, c, (Sq. Ft.).

Insert Lot Width (Ft.).

Insert Lot Depth (Ft.).

Insert Lot Area (Sq. Ft.).

Insert Front Yard (Ft.).

Insert Side Yard (Ft.).

Insert Two Side Yards (Ft.).

Insert Rear Yard (Ft.).

Insert Maximum Building Height (Feet).

Insert Maximum Building Height (Stories).

Insert Coverage (Percent).

Section 7. Article XVIII, Administration and Enforcement, Section 18.03, Permits.

Insert Section 18.03.d. Permits For Uses in M-1, M-T, and M-2 Districts.

Section 8. Conflicts.

Section 9. Severability.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the _____ day of _____, 1999.

YEAS: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart and Herman.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Rochowiak.

I hereby approve the following Ordinance.

Cindy C. King, Township Clerk

Helen Foster, Supervisor

Adopted:
Published: March 11, 1999
Effective:

Letters

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The Canton Township Republican will create the 21st House District Legislative Advisory Council to advise him in important issues facing south-east Michigan.

"Area residents are better served by sharing their views with me concerning new legislation and other pertinent state issues," Patterson said. "As a county commissioner, I relied on the input of advisory council members in my decision-making process."

Patterson established similar citizen advisory groups while serving as a Wayne County commissioner from 1995 to 1998.

He is encouraging individuals who are active in local communities or have experience in a particular field such as agriculture, crime, health or education to apply.

People interested in serving during the 1999-2000 legislative session can call (800) 555-5021, or write to Patterson's office at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Sincerely,
The 21st's staff

Don't believe hysteria about America's food supply

To the Editor:

Ten years ago this month, parents, school officials and some members of the media were swept up in a panic over a "60 Minutes" story on Alar, a little-known chemical that was alleged to cause cancer and was at that time being used as a growth regulator on apple. The after math of this 13-minute segment became known as the "Alar Scare." Upon further examination, independent scientific review and media scrutiny, this scare was exposed for what it truly

was: orchestrated public relations campaign using suspect science to influence our nation's food safety laws.

What is especially disturbing today is that the same groups who foisted the Alar scare on the American public in 1989 are at it again, spreading misinformation and fear concerning the safety of our food supply. While we are less likely to see the hysteria that surrounded Alar, it is unmistakably evident that a coordinated effort is underway to raise public and media concern over the safety of pesticides and to pressure of Environmental Protection Agency into a rush-to-judgment on safe and effective crop protection tools. In this letter, I address this issue and the importance for the public not to be swayed by incomplete and inaccurate information on pesticide residue on food safety. Placement of this letter, in your newspaper would be an extremely important step in keeping parents and consumers informed of the facts surrounding responsible pesticide use. Due to the timely nature of this op-ed article, the fastest response possible on its potential use would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at (800) 292-2680 ext. 2100, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jack Laurie
President, Michigan Garm Bureau

People must quit doing Satan's work

To the Editor:

Politically, Catholics represent the balance of power in our own dear country and probably the world. Their reform is the primary hope of reversing the terrible conditions in the world today. Although protesting at abortion clinics and other cesspools of evil is a good thing, it won't accomplish the task. We must exhort our beloved people to stop doing Satan's work and start following the Lord. Then these cesspools of evil will die for lack of patronage.

Heaven is not for the timid. Was Jesus giving us a clear message when He said, "Would that you were hot or cold but since you are merely lukewarm, I vomit you out of my mouth"? I believe our chances for salvation are enhanced or diminished by the degree of our commitment to the Lord. The Lord doesn't demand from us perfection but only that we strive for it.

I, like Jeremiah, must speak

the truth, God's word, because if I don't, it's like a burning coal within me. With the most horrible tragedy of all times nearly upon us, have we in rejecting the truth brought the just wrath of the Almighty down upon us?

That concerned widower, Veteran of World War II, and grandfather of eleven angels.

Euchlich McKenna

P.S. If we could banish selfishness from the world, we wouldn't have to die to go to heaven. We would have heaven here on earth. O Lord, may I borrow Your kind and gentle heart that I may love my brothers and sisters as I should and in so doing show my love for You.

Lewinsky was a hoot on TV

To the Editor:

Monica Lewinsky's recent tearful condemnation of the evil Ken Starr and his band of heartless prosecutors was somewhat of a hoot.

Monica reminds me of one of those teenage shoplifters who start crying after they get caught. Why is it that young people who enjoy high risk activity wait until the police show up to become tearful? Bad police? Bad Ken Starr? You decide.

Contrary to the cynical sneers of the media pundits, the only people acting like rational adults through this whole affair have been Ken Starr, Linda Tripp and LuciAnn Goldberg. I urge you to actually listen to their words and observe their actions. They may have saved this country from disaster.

Contrary to Monica's shallow opinion, Mr. Clinton is not just 'a guy' or 'a good kisser' to be laughed about in Georgetown singles bars by Monica and her girlfriends. The president is the most powerful leader in the world. Billions of lives are relying on him to be both competent and compromised.

Mr. Clinton's Oval Office escapades were border-line treason because they exposed him to being blackmailed or compromised by nefarious forces unknown to us. We should all be grateful that Linda Tripp blew the whistle on this affair before the Russians or Chinese got into the act.

Indeed, recent revelations of Chinese theft of our nuclear war head miniaturization technology should make us all realize how dangerous the world is.

We owe Ken Starr, Linda Tripp and LuciAnn Goldberg our gratitude. History will call them true American patriots and heroes.

Walter Warren
Westland

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR EYEWITNESS NEWSPAPER THIS WEEKEND!

Ordinance #2-16-99 (3) CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

Second reading of ordinance for adoption.

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan Chapter 22, to add Article VII, Sections 22-401 through 22-440 to include language regarding the licensing and operation of sexually oriented businesses.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

- Section 1. Add Article VII Section 22-401 Definitions.
- Section 2. Add Article VII Section 22-402 License Required for Sexually Oriented Business: Penalty for Violation of Article.
- Section 3. Add Article VII Section 22-403 Application; Review Process: Bases for Denial.
- Section 4. Add Article VII Section 22-404 License Expiration; Renewal; Application and Renewal Fees; Continued Right to Inspect.
- Section 5. Add Article VII Section 22-405 Suspension; Revocation.
- Section 6. Add Article VII Section 22-406 Appeals.
- Section 7. Add Article VII Section 22-407 Transfer of License.
- Section 8. Add Article VII Section 22-408 Severability; Repealer.
- Section 9. Add Article VII Section 22-409 Effective Date.
- Section 10. Article VII Sections 22-410 through 22-440 Reserved.
- This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.
- This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 2nd day of March, 1999.
- YEAS: Clark, Budd, King, Foster, Herman and Hart.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Rochowiak.
- I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Cindy C. King, Township Clerk
Helen Foster, Supervisor

Adopt: March 2, 1999
Publish: February 25, 1999
March 11, 1999
Effective: March 11, 1999

Parish mission to begin at St. Aloysius church

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A veteran cross-cultural specialist will arrive this weekend to conduct that 1999 parish mission at **St. Aloysius Catholic Church** in Romulus. Church Pastor **Father Rick Thomson** announced that **Father Clarence Williams**, director of the office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will be speaking at all the Eucharistic celebrations this weekend.

In addition Father Williams serves as director of the Institute for Racial Healing and previously served as pastor of St. Anthony Church of Detroit for 15 years.

Some of the topics Father Williams will speak out on include: Who is God for each of us? Is God judge, is God creator and is God our father or mother? Who is God in our mind and heart?

In addition to the regular masses on Saturday and Sunday, Father Williams will speak at 7 p.m. Sunday on "Who is Jesus and what role does Jesus play in my life?"

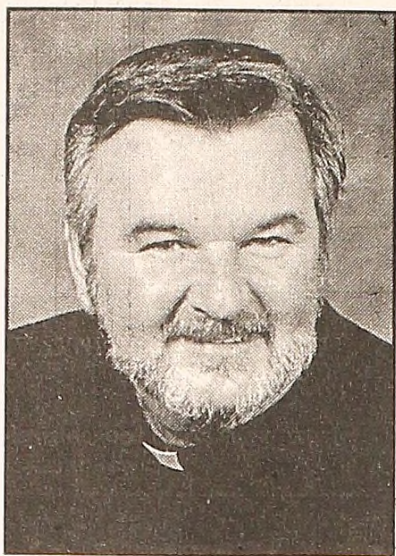
On Monday night he will discuss "Building the Community of Faith. What does it mean to be community?"

And finally on Tuesday night, he will conclude with "The need for forgiveness in our lives. How does Jesus heal our broken lives?"

Father Rick extends a welcome for area residents to hear Father Williams' talks.

The Annual Women's Day program of the **Womack Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church** of Inkster is slated for March 28.

The **Rev. Brenda Kearney** of the Maranatha Christian Cen-



Father Rick Thomson

ter of Milwaukee, WI., will be the guest speaker.

The topic will be "Christian women committed to Christ. Is it Real or is it Memorex?"

Josie Sea is the Women's Day chairperson. The Rev. Terrell A. Jackson is the church pastor.

Two worship services will be held at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The church is located at 28445 Cherry St. in Inkster. For more information call 734- 326-4822.

A spring revival is slated March 15-19 at the **New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church** of Detroit.

The revivalist will be the **Rev. Dr. Frederick Sampson**, pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

The theme of the revival will be "God Promises Your Deliverance." Services will be held at 7 o'clock each night.

The Rev. Randolph F. Henlon is serving as the interim pastor of the New Prospect church.

A celebration of friendship will be conducted at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday at the **Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church** of Livonia.

The easy-to-follow services will feature messages from Pastor Luther Werth and a dynamic music ministry by both adults and children.

A complimentary breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. between both services. The church is located at 14175 Farmington road. For more information call 734-522-6830.

Father George Charnley, pastor of St. John Neumann parish of Canton, is marking his 23rd anniversary of his ordination and the 12th year as pastor of St. John Neumann.

Western Wayne County residents are invited to the special showing of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association movie *The Ride* at 5 p.m. March 14 at the Activity Center of **Calvary Baptist Church** in Canton.

The film develops a unique story about a prisoner sentenced to community service - helping train a determined young boy how to ride a bull.

The boy Danny O'Neil (played by Brock Pierce) also has another problem Smokey Bankes (played by Michael Biehn) learns during the bull riding training...he is dying of cancer.

Biehn formerly played in *Navy Seals* and *The Terminator*, while young Pierce also has starred in *First Kid* and *The Mighty Ducks*.

The church is located at 43065 Joy road (between Morton Taylor land Lilley) in Canton.

New group starts in Wayne

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A new Christian organization - Taking New Territory - has begun weekly meetings from 7 to 10 p.m. each Friday at the Loft in the Wayne Community Center at 4635 Howe road. Hosted by Dr. Ezan Someah-

Kwaw of Inkster, the Bible study and prayer sessions are open to the public.

The group's vision includes marriage and family seminars, programs on social issues, a jail and prison ministry and plans for a youth outreach ministry.

Originally from Georgia, the

Someah-Kwaw family including four children, have dedicated their lives to Christ.

Deborah and Ezan graduated from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa and later began a ministry in Arkansas and also served in Verona, N.J.

For more information call 313-792-0490 or write to P.O. Box 583, Inkster, MI. 48141.

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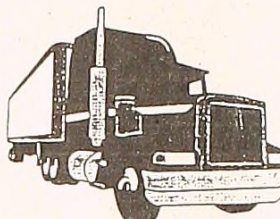


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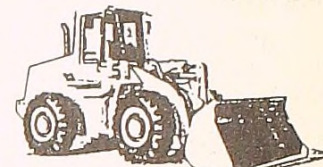
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CHAPTER 29 ARTICLE V

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29 OF THE ROMULUS CITY CODE ENTITLED, "SIGNS" BY REVISING ARTICLE V, SUBSECTION 92 "BILLBOARDS," TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1: Chapter 29, "Signs" is amended by revising Article V, Subsection 92 entitled, "Billboards" as follows:

Section 29.92 - Billboards.

(a) *Area and height limitations.* No billboard having a surface area greater than three hundred (300) square feet may be erected or maintained, except that billboards with a surface area of up to seven hundred (700) square feet that are within 150 feet of an interstate may be erected or maintained. The zoning board of appeals may not approve any billboard with a surface area over one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet. Such approval may be given where the erection or maintenance of the sign will not be detrimental to the use of any adjoining commercial or residential land. No billboard may be erected to a height greater than the height for the zoning district in which it is to be erected pursuant to Section 22.01 of the zoning ordinance; however, billboards which are located on a permitted zoning district adjacent to an interstate highway may be erected to a height of forty-five (45) feet.

(b) Location

(1) Billboard and outdoor advertising display signs may only be located in C-2, M-1, M-2, MT-1 and MT-2 zoning districts along a freeway or major thoroughfare as defined in the City of Romulus Master Plan with a right-of-way of 120 feet or more. Billboard or outdoor advertising display signs may not be erected or maintained within five hundred (500) feet of any public park, recreation ground, public reservation, school, church, residentially zoned district or existing residential use, nor within fifty (50) feet of street lines at any street intersection.

(2) All billboards and outdoor advertising display signs shall observe setbacks as required by respective zoning districts. However, no billboard or outdoor advertising display sign shall be located closer than fifty (50) feet from a street. Billboards must be separated by a minimum of one thousand (1,000) lineal feet along freeways and major thoroughfares having a right-of-way of one hundred twenty (120) feet, or more, in width. The spacing requirements in this section apply to signs on either side of the roadway and shall be measured parallel to the right-of-way.

(c) *Materials required.* All billboards and outdoor advertising display signs, when attached to buildings and structures, shall have all structural and supporting members constructed of incombustible materials. Moldings, cappings, nailing blocks, letters, latticing and other ornamental features of signs may be constructed of wood, approved plastic or other materials having combustible characteristics similar to wood. Sign facings may be made of approved combustible plastics when complying with the general requirements and the areas listed below:

NONILLUMINATING AND EXTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNS (OTHER THAN GROUND SIGNS) INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED-FLAT AND SKELETON PARAPET SIGNS

Area of facing or display surface	Area occupied or covered by plastics
100 square feet or less	100 percent of display surface area
Over 100 square feet but not over 2,000 square feet	100 square feet plus 50 percent of the difference between 100 square feet and the area of the display surface
Over 2,000 square feet	Not over 1,050 square feet without permission of the chief building inspector.

INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED ROOF AND PROJECTING SIGNS

Area of facing or display surface	Area occupied or covered by plastics
100 square feet or less	100 percent of display surface area
Over 100 square feet but not over 2,000 square feet	100 square feet plus 25 percent of the difference between 100 square feet and the area of the display surface
Over 2,000 square feet	Not over 575 square feet without permission of the chief building inspector.

GROUND SIGNS

Area of facing or display surface	Area occupied or covered by plastics
300 square feet or less	50 percent of display surface area
Over 300 square feet but not over 2,000 square feet	100 square feet plus 25 percent of the difference between 100 square feet and the area of the display surface
Examples:	
500 sq. ft.	200 sq. ft.
1,000 sq. ft.	325 sq. ft.
1,500 sq. ft.	450 sq. ft.
2,000 sq. ft.	575 sq. ft.
Over 2,000 square feet	Not over 575 square feet without permission of the chief building inspector

(d) *Erection.* All billboards and outdoor advertising display signs shall be securely built, constructed and erected upon posts and standards sunk at least four (4) feet below the natural surface of the ground. All posts, anchors, and bracings of wood shall be treated to protect them from moisture by creosoting or other approved methods when they rest upon or enter the ground.

(e) *Site plan review.* Erection permits for billboards that are in compliance with this chapter shall be issued by the chief building inspector without site plan review.

(f) *Premises to be kept free of weeds.* The site upon which a billboard or outdoor advertising display sign is placed shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition, and free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.

(g) *Unobstructed access.* There shall be an unobstructed access to the proposed billboard structure, for operation, maintenance, repair, and inspectional purposes, which may be provided through an easement. This access shall have a width and location determined by such factors as: the location of adjacent thoroughfares and traffic circulation within the site; and any attendant facilities; the location of buildings and parking facilities;

proximity to residential districts and minimizing disturbance to the natural landscape; and the type of equipment which will need to access the site.

Section 2. Saying Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or administrative body, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any Act or Ordinance hereby repealed by this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such work, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Section 5. Penalties. Any person who violates the provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or by imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days or both.

Section 6. Readings. This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on February 8, 1999, shall be enacted on February 22, 1999 and shall be published on or before March 11, 1999 and shall be effective March 11, 1999

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 22nd, day of February, 1999.

William Oakley, Mayor
Linda Choate, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 22nd day of February, 1999.

Linda Choate, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Romulus Roman, a newspaper printed in the City of Romulus, on the 11th day of March, 1999.

Linda Choate, City Clerk

Within forty five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said Ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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Canton cops to host schools

The Canton Police Department will host two schools presented by the Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN).

On March 29-31 a Highway Interdiction Training Conference will be held at the Summit on the Park. Over 350 law enforcement officers are expected to attend the class that will focus on identification of suspect vehicles, identification of suspect passengers, roadside interviews and other related items. Public Safety Director John Santomauro will give the opening remarks at the conference which begins at 9 a.m. on March 29.

On April 7-9, the department, along with MAGLOCLN, will present the Financial Investigative Techniques Training Conference. The conference will cover sources of financial information, analysis of bank and business records, charting financial activity and other related topics.

The conference will be held at the Canton Police Department and is open to sworn law enforcement officers. Registration will be taken on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact Lt. Pat Nemecek at (734) 398-5259.

Decoy 'op' a success

The Canton Police Decoy Operation has been a great success. Publicity related to the decoy operation has made business owners in the area more aware of the seriousness of alcohol and tobacco sales to minors.

One example is the recent attempt of a decoy to purchase at Holiday Market. The underage decoy was refused by the clerk who said, "You could be one of the decoys that the police department sends out."

As part of the ongoing decoy operation, Canton police once again checked are bars and gas stations for sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors. On Friday, February 12, the Canton Police Department conducted an alcohol and tobacco sales check on the below listed businesses. A total of nine businesses were checked. Only one business, the Shell Gas Station, sold tobacco to a minor.

Mobil, Cherry Hill and Lilley did not sell to minor;

Holiday Market did not sell to minor;

Rite Aid did not sell to minor;

Super K-Mart did not sell to minor;

Sunoco, Ford and Haggerty did not sell to minor;

Maria's Bakery did not sell to minor;

Oakview Party Store did not sell to minor;

Canton Party Store did not sell to minor;

Clark, Michigan and Canton Center did not sell to minor;

Shell, Ford and Haggerty sold tobacco to a minor.

This ongoing decoy operation is to ensure compliance with local ordinances. The goal is to keep establishments from selling alcohol or tobacco to minors throughout the year. For information contact Special Services Lt. Pat Nemecek, (734) 398-5259.

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County gets high marks for river restoration

By DAVID COX
MCN Special Writer

In my last installment of the 'Rouge River Report' I promised to show you our report card. Actually, the 23 page publication from the Rouge Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council is an 'interim' report card, which identifies how the 48 communities are doing as of February 1999. It establishes the current condition of the river as well as the success of our efforts in restoring and protecting it.

The report is broken down into 18 sections that combine to create 6 chapters. The chapters are:

1. Water Quality
2. Impact on Nature
3. Effect on People
4. Protecting existing Nature
5. Restoring Damage
6. Stewardship.

Our marks on Water Quality are mixed. We did OK in some things but missed the mark on others.

Basically, the river's still

going too fast. As I said last week a swift flowing river causes erosion that further complicates its restoration.

I predict slowing the flow will emerge as a primary objective for the rest of this year.

The speed of the flow has given us a failing grade in Nature Impact as well. Nature in every form is so dependant upon the river that if the river has a cold, the nature around it has the flu. Again, development around the river has created this flow problem by removing the lands that would have soaked up the water and replacing them with parking lots.

The World Wildlife Fund has estimated that a healthy watershed should have a 25% covering of forest. The Rouge River Watershed has only 4.2%. This isn't something we will make up in the first year of the effort so the effect on nature in general, including people, hasn't changed much either.

Happily, in the last three

Notable habitat and restoration projects include: restored canoeing on the Middle Branch, Newburgh Lake restoration, stream bank improvements in Southfield, Farmington, Dearborn and Detroit.

categories we have earned high marks. It stands to reason, if we want to restore the river we first had to stop damaging it. This is what Canton Township's Watershed Management Strategy is all about.

While Canton continues to build, develop and grow, it recognizes it must do so with one eye on the watershed.

We have high marks for restoration projects too. In 1989 the emphasis was on CSO's (Combined Sewer Overflows). CSO's had to be eliminated because they work by dumping sewage and storm water right

into the river whenever the treatment facility doesn't have enough time to catch up. I know that's hard to believe but it was considered acceptable for a very long time and undoing it cost a fortune. By 1998 it was all but completed.

Nearly 100 pollution control and restoration projects are underway at this writing.

Notable habitat and restoration projects include: restored canoeing on the Middle Branch, Newburgh Lake restoration, stream bank improvements in Southfield, Farmington, Dearborn and Detroit.



David Cox

The effort has also seen the creation of new wetlands in Inkster and remediation of an abandoned dump in Dearborn Heights. Abandoned dump remediation is also underway in Romulus.

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Latest Bonneville not a clear choice for driving



on the short side yourself.

The Bonneville controls, the gear shift and the radio dials, were not very accessible to my short arms. I had a hard time reaching to put the gear shift into park, and I am sure if the radio dials were not included on the steering wheel I would have left on the same station the delivery personnel left it on when I received the car.

Now instead of ragging on this poor vehicle I guess I'll share some of the good points of the Bonneville.

The Bonneville has an awesome sound system. Great bass and you tunes sound better in this vehicle than many of the cars that I have test drove. Between the six speakers and the Bose system there are no tunes safe on the road ways when you are around in this vehicle.

A really noteworthy option to the Bonneville is an electronic load leveler. This keeps the rear of the vehicle level with the front when you are towing or hauling anything. A compressor pumps air into the rear shocks to raise the car when it is too low. As the weight is decreasing the compressor removes air from the shocks bringing it back to a level area.

You can even use an outlet in the rear quarter that allows the system to be used to inflate tires, sports equipment, and even camping equipment. great for those off the map summer vacations.

The 1999 Bonneville also includes the dual next generation air bags, Anti Lock brakes, rear door child safety locks, and rear seat child shoulder harness comfort guides for you little guys.

All and all the Bonneville is a great car, if you are not looking for the greatest of power. If you want a smooth, stylish, and premium family car without the premium price I think the Bonneville would be a great choice for you.

1999 Pontiac Bonneville

By SYBILLE MARR
MCN Special Writer

A friend of mine has always told me stories of her childhood. Since she is older than I we usually end up fighting about who was better in what decade. One thing that I agreed with her on though was the vehicles of the past.

Vehicles that were built way back in the day were big, fast, and I believe were more beautiful than the ones of today.

When we sit and remember we have talks about our fathers and the awesome cars they drove. I talk about the ve-

hicles my father had and sold. (He always said he'd be a rich man if he had all the cars he sold in mint condition back.) She tells me about the Bonneville her family owned.

She always plays it out the same. It was giant, a monster road hog, a convertible, and awesome to drive. Just feeling like a king behind the wheel, but those were the days.

The Pontiac Bonneville of today does not have the same feeling in any way shape or form.

The 1999 Pontiac Bonneville looks wonderful on the exterior. Quite like the Pontiac

Grand Prix if you looked at a glance.

The tail lights and the nose, all like the Grand Prix.

The interior has a couple of differences with the gadget and gizmo positions, but basically the same.

The only difference is that the Grand Prix was a lot more fun to drive. It was a lot quicker. It had a little more gumption next to one of the new Mustangs I met on the road when I test drove it.

The Bonneville had a little power behind the steering wheel. The Bonneville comes with a 3.8 liter V6 engine with

205 horse power and 230 lbs of torque. The Grand Prix had so much more horse power behind it though with quite the same amount of room on the inside and trunk.

I know I sound like I am just comparing the two cars together and not giving the Bonneville a fair chance, but I went beyond the outer looks and the engine. I gave it a shot before I cut on it, but then a funny thing happened, snow.

During our most recent Michigan snow storm, I drove through it in the Bonneville. It handled nicely on the wet snow and icy roads, but the

weather handling of the interior is another story.

I had the defrost on high and it still did not clear a thing well enough to keep it down on a lower setting. I had to keep it on high for the whole hour I drove around in it.

A nice plus though to passengers in the back seat is they have their own little heater to keep warm in the back seat.

I am a little on the shorter side, so when ever I test a vehicle I am able to have a better view of what will go on if you purchased a vehicle for you wife or if you are even a little



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SPORTS

March 11, 1999

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Glenn, Salem wind down hoop season

Vikings sail into stormy D.C. seas

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If wasn't bad enough for coach William Springer and the Inkster Vikings to have to shoot it out in one of the toughest basketball leagues in the state, the Vikings now have to face Divine Child in the first round of the Class B district playoffs.

With at least four district titles to their credit, D. C. is definitely a tournament team.

And those playoffs are hosted by none other than D. C., a favorite to knock off Willow Run for the championship.

"It is going to be tough," said Springer, who took over the coaching reins at mid-season. "But these kids have played against some of the best teams in the state, teams like Rouge and Rouge and Belleville and showed that they can play with them."

"We're looking forward to the playoffs, and I really feel that we are as ready as we will ever be," the Inkster coach added.

In its final outing of the regular season, Inkster took Woodhaven to the wire before handing over a 44-41 decision to their Mega Conference crossover opponents last Thursday. It was a good tuneup for the districts, Springer felt.

"But I also felt that if we could have shot better from the floor as well as at the free throw line we would have come out a winner. We hit about 50 percent of our free throws, and that's not going to help you win many games."

"We also made some turnovers at key times that were very costly."

Inkster showed Woodhaven several variations of the zone for most of three quarters, and that frustrated the hosts who managed to go up by three points, 10-7, for one period, then widened the margin to 22-15 at the half.

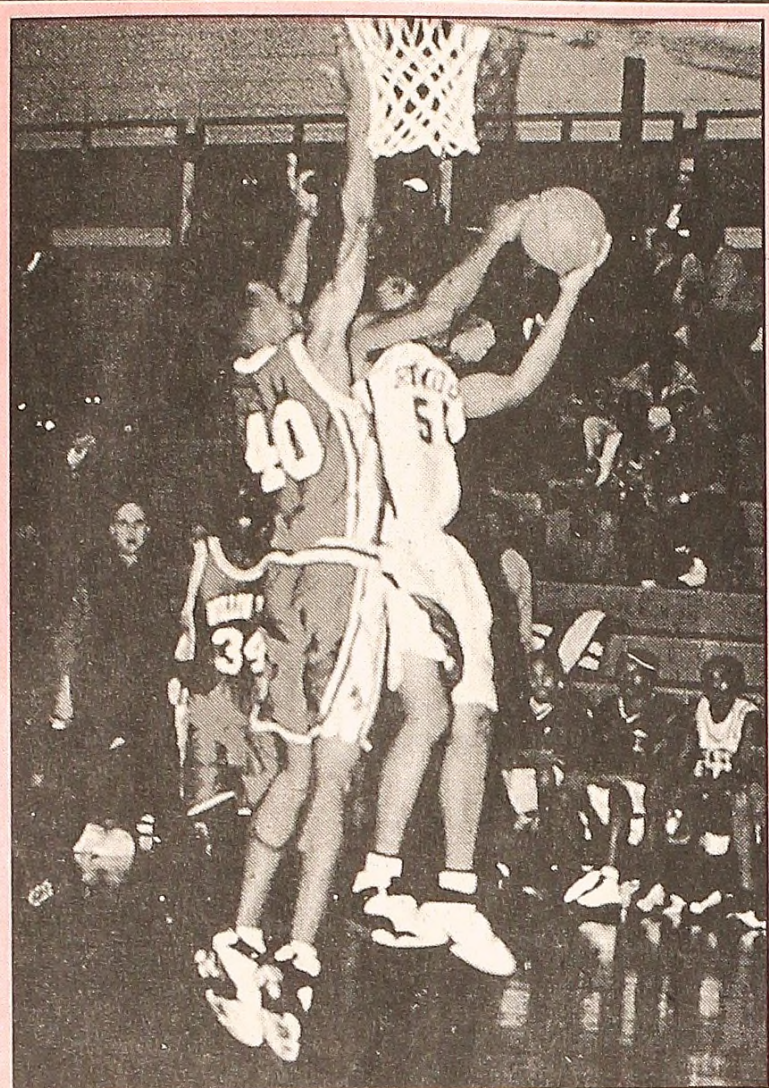
With Walt Patterson working the boards and Shelton Allison coming up with a big three-pointer, the outcome of the game remained in doubt to the end.

Woodhaven took a shaky 27-21 lead into the fourth quarter when both teams decided to abandon their defense and went for the kill.

Though the Vikings never grabbed the lead, they did manage to outscore their rivals, 20-17, in the last quarter.

Allison finished with 11 points, the only Inkster player to reach double figures. Patterson chipped in with eight boards to go along with his six points.

Springer said that getting the team at mid-season had its drawbacks because the players had to go through readjustment and learning a

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Body language

Daryl Mason (50), using his body to muscle his way to the basket in the photo above, will lead Romulus to the Class B District Playoffs at Gibraltar-Carlson where coach Guy DelGiudice hopes to salvage a 6-6 Mega Conference Red Division and a 11-9 overall record by winning a district title. With an impressive victory on Friday over always-tough Wayne, the Eagles have the momentum that DelGiudice wanted. Mason was one of a dozen players who were named on Monday to the all-conference team. Photo by Aaron Ortiz

No second-half miracles, Wayne falls to Romulus

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

There were no miracles or second-half heroics the second time around for Wayne as Romulus avenged an earlier loss to coach Chuck Henry's Zebras 63-46 Friday night.

It was the kind of victory that Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice was looking for, and loss that Henry hoped to avoid as both teams travel their separate ways in quest of district basketball titles.

The district tournament phase of the 1998-99 season began Monday night.

Wayne will seek a Class A district title at Belleville; Romulus, a Class B entry, is in the shootout at Gibraltar-Carlson.

Romulus was looking for and got the momentum that key victory like the one over Wayne may provide for the districts thanks to balanced scoring by Kevin Thomas, Daryl Mason and Chris Garwood. The trio scored in double figures.

"This was one of those typical, hard-fought, physical Romulus-Wayne games," noted DelGiudice, whose Eagles finished with a 6-6 Mega Conference, Red Division record. "They (Wayne) beat us by

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- Guy DelGiudice

seven after we had a substantial lead over them the first time we met this year.

"I don't think our kids forgot that. They kept the pressure on until the end."

Thomas tossed in five of his 16 points in the first period to stake the Eagles to a seven-point, 20-13 lead. Though Wayne outscored their Eagles 15-12 on the strength of a pair of Jamar Davis's baskets, and closed to within four points at the half (32-28), Wayne never overcame its earlier deficit, as Romulus's defense refused to relinquish the lead.

Romulus outscored Wayne 14-6 and 17-12 in the final two periods of the regular Mega Conference Red Division season and chalked up its 11th overall win against nine

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Ex-Salem swim star is all-MAC Conference

A former Plymouth-Salem swim star was named to the Mid-American Conference's all-conference team.

During the recently completed 47th annual Mid-American Men's Swimming & Diving Championships, Eric Seidelman was named to the All-Conference First Team for his outstanding individual performances as well as his efforts on the relay teams.

Seidelman also was the catalyst behind Eastern Michigan University winning six championships.

Seidelman, as EMU junior and team quad-captain, helped the Eagles to a 742 point final score total. The EMU team score was good for a second place overall finish. The Eagles trailed only Miami of Ohio in the final conference standings.

EMU was defending its 1998 championship, their

19th team championship since 1978.

During the grueling three-day championship event, hosted by EMU, Seidelman swam to three individual titles and was on three first-place relay teams.

In the 200-yard freestyle, he placed second with a time of 1:39.61. Also, Seidelman placed third in the 50-

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No title for hoop title hopefuls

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

How can you be disappointed in a team that has won 16 of its 20 games this season?

But when your goal is to win a championship, and you fall short, as Plymouth-Salem did in its bid to win a Western Lakes Conference basketball and/or conference playoff title, coach Bob Brodie called the regular season "as a disappointment."

"Sure we're disappointed that we didn't win the championship," said Brodie after the Rocks crushed John Glenn 65-49 for the conference's consolation prize.

"But, when you win 16 and lose 4, and you look at the overall picture, how can you be disappointed?" Brodie added.

Also, moving into the district playoff phase of the season with a victory is definitely a plus, Brodie went on to say. The veteran basketball coach stressed that the playoffs also won't be an easy run.

He feels that he and his team will need everything in place to beat natural foe, Canton, in the district semis. (Salem and Canton were scheduled to meet Wednesday night at Canton, that is, if the Chiefs beat a so-so Churchill squad in the first round).

Brodie said that it isn't diffi-

cult to get his team up for their natural rivals, "after all these kids sit in the same classrooms together. They know each other. And they don't like to lose."

Glenn got a sterling individual performance out of Ty Haygood, but that's about all coach Mike Schuette got from his Rockets against a Salem team that was also coming off of a playoff loss.

Glenn apparently left its supporting cast at home as the Rockets gave up the lead early in the second quarter and never got it back.

Haygood scored a game high

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Co-champs oust Rocks, Rockets

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Salem and Westland John Glenn got their opportunity for rematches against the conference co-champs in the semifinals of the Western Lakes Conference basketball playoffs and they failed to cash in on their chances.

North Farmington removed coach Bob Brodie's Rocks from its path, 45-42, in the semis, while Walled Lake Western disposed of coach Mike Schuette's Rockets, 64-46, to advance to the championship round at Livonia Franklin.

Western turned back North, 43-37, on to capture its first-

Western turned back North, 43-37, to capture its first-ever conference playoff title.

ever conference playoff title. Western also shared the regular season conference title with North Farmington.

It was the first time in the past four years that the Rockets failed to reach the championship round.

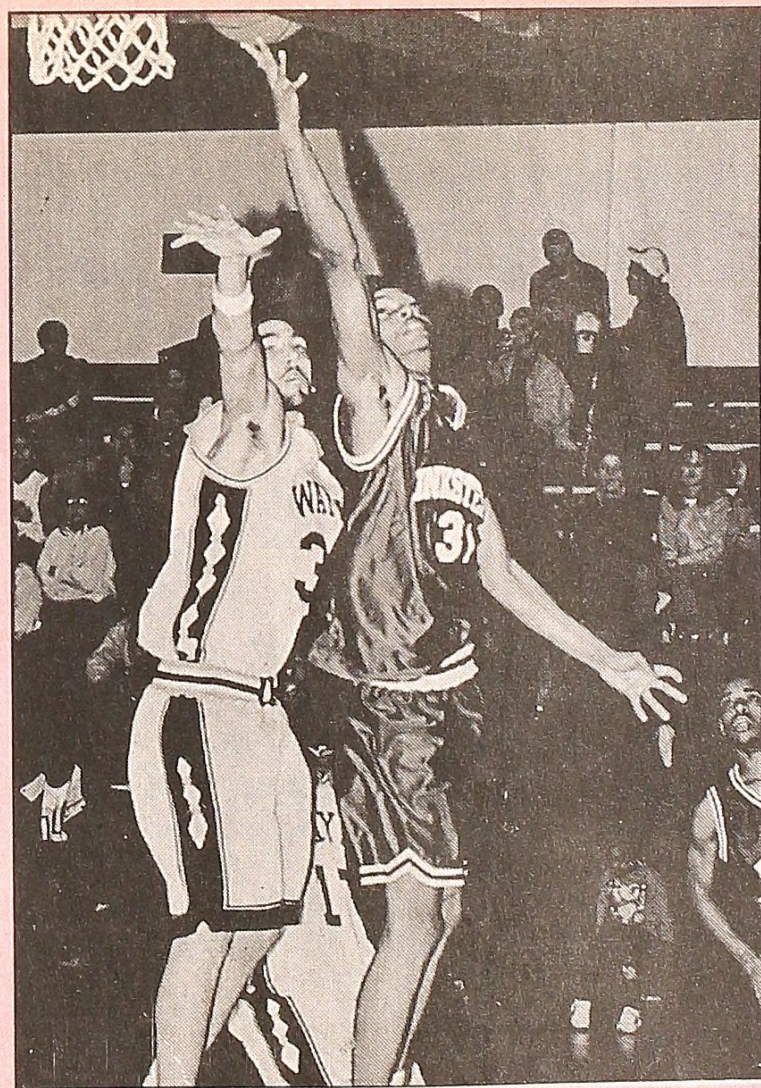
Salem had the better of the two chances of advancing. North and the Rocks were deadlocked at 15 for the open-

ing period, but Adrian Bridges and 6-6 center Emir Medunjanin led North to a 15-8 advantage in the second period that lifted them to a 30-23 lead at the intermission.

The Rocks came back after the half and held North to four points and managed to close within one, 34-33, for three quarters, but they did not get the go-ahead basket.

North went on to outscore their rivals 11-9 in the final eight minutes to seal the victory and advance to the championship game.

Rypkowski finished with a game high 17 points for the

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One of the Stars

Squeezing past Wayne's Jamar Davis, Inkster's Brandell Gaines (31) uses his finger-tips to coax the ball into the hoop. Wayne and Davis managed to dispose of the Vikings in a recent game. Davis, a senior who got a late start this season because of an injury, was named on Monday to the All-Mega Conference, Red Division Team. cflPhoto by Aaron Ortiz.

Darby leads 'Red' All-Stars

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Sharpshooting Brent Darby, who led River Rouge to back-to-back Mega Conference Red Division basketball titles, leads the division coaches' choices for the 1998-99 All-Conference Team.

Darby, an All-Stater who is a candidate for the prep All-America squad, is a three-year varsity performer for the Panthers, who posted a perfect 12-0 record in the division this year.

The division, considered one of the best high school basketball conference in the state of Michigan, is made up of Rouge, Willow Run, Belleville, Romulus, Wayne Memorial, Inkster, and Ypsilanti.

Darby's teammate, Rodney Hughes, also was a unanimous coaches' choice for the mythical team.

Belleville placed three of its starters on the team; Romulus and Wayne each with one player, while Willow Run had two.

The coaches drafted three

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Westland registers hockey players

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland Hockey Association officials announced this week they are looking for hockey players for their Mini-Mite Hockey Division.

The division is made up of skaters between the ages of 5 and 6.

"There definitely is a cutoff date for this division," noted Vicky Smith, who serves as public relations person for the WHA.

Smith also noted that there

is a \$140 per player registration fee.

Registration will be accepted from 10:30 a.m. on May 8 at the Westland Sports Arena. The area is located on Wildwood and Hunter Street.

WHA officials also pointed out that all other hockey divisions have been filled, and that names received now or in the future will be placed on a waiting list in case openings do occur.

For further information, please contact the WHA organization.



Eric Seidelman

Stars

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yard freestyle, covering the distance in 20.48. He was fifth in the 100-yard freestyle. His time was posted in that event at 46.37.

In relay competition, the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 400-yard and the 800-yard freestyle relay teams all took first places.

In both the 200-yard and 800-yard freestyle relays, the EMU foursomes set varsity school records.

The time of 1:20.79 broke the former EMU pool varsity record established in 1992 for the 200-yard freestyle relay, and the time of 6:42.16 set a new EMU varsity poll record that had been previously held by Oakland University. OU set the record in 1994.

In the 400-yard freestyle, Seidelman helped lead the Eagles to a first place with a time of 3:00.50, which is just barely off of the NCAA National qualifying time.

For all of his contributions, Seidelman was named to the Mid-American Conference Championship First Team.

Schools competing in this year's MAC Championships included Ball State University, Bowling Green University, University of Buffalo, Eastern Michigan, Miami of Ohio, Northern Illinois University, Ohio University and the University of Toledo.

Romulus

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losses. The Eagles also made 10 of 14 at the free throw line.

Wayne's Jamar Davis shared the game's individual scoring honors with Thomas. Each had

Semis

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Rocks who made five of seven free throws. Medunjanin sank 13 points and also played an



William Springer (above) took on the responsibility of fielding the Vikings in mid-season, and says that both he and the players had a time of adjustment. He feels that the team will be competitive next year when the holdovers will get additional experience from a summer program. Photo by Aaron Ortiz

Storm

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new system. "They were given a crash course on what I expected of

them and I felt that they - as well as myself - made the appropriate adjustments. We need to continue to build on the positive.

"I felt the learning experience for players and myself was a good one," Springer added.

16 points, but Davis collected 13 of those in the first half and scored only three in the final two quarters.

In summarizing his team's performance during the regular phase of the season, DelGiudice said he was disappointed that the team did not do better. "We lost two tough games to

Belleville and one to Wayne," he added, "and these were games which I felt we could have won. We finished 11-9 overall and 6-6 in our conference, and this isn't a 11-9 team."

Romulus will be out to prove that this week at Gibraltar-Carlson.

excellent all-around game. Bridges finished with 10 for the winners who canned 10 of 17 from the free throw line.

In reflecting upon the setback, Brodie said that he felt his problems were not patient

enough. "We were too quick to shoot, and we didn't have the patience needed to work the ball," said Brodie.

Western coasted past the Rockets 64-46.

Hoops

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23 points, and his efforts lifted the Rockets to a 15-14 first-period lead.

But, once Aaron Rypkowski, joined by Rob Jones, got into the tempo, it was all over for the Westlanders.

Rypkowski scored seven of his 20 points in the second quarter which opened the

gates to a 29-24 Salem lead at the half.

Though Glenn managed to stay close in the third period (44-36), it never saw the lead after the first period. Salem put their Western Lakes Conference opponents away with a 21-13 scoring edge in the final eight minutes of the regular season.

The Rocks were near perfect at the free throw line where they made six of their

seven offerings; Glenn sank 12 of 18 free throws.

Glenn makes its bid for a Class A district title at Belleville, but found Wayne Memorial blocking its path last night. The winner of the Wayne-Glenn game advances to the championship round which will be played at 7 p.m. Friday night.

The odds-on favorite to win the Belleville district title is the host, Belleville.

Darby

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standouts from Belleville coach Rod Fisher's lineup, including senior guard C. J. Grantham, the player that the Tigers usually go to when the chips are down.

Grantham's teammates, Kevin Harrison, an outstand-

ing all-around player, and John Edwards, a "deadeye" from three-point range, also earned berths on the all-conference.

From Romulus and coach Guy DelGiudice's lineup, the coaches picked Daryl Mason, the team's leading scorer who also is an excellent playmaker.

Wayne is represented on the All-Star team by its senior guard Jamar Davis. Though

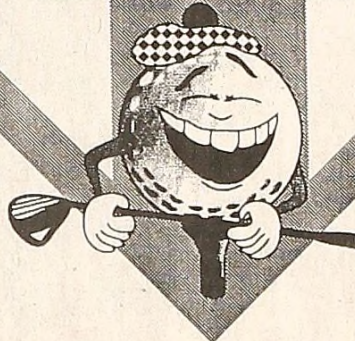
Davis reported late to the team due to an injury, once on the squad, he quickly made up for lost time, moving to the top of coach Chuck Henry's scoring chart.

Jamar is also the co-captain of the team.

Other outstanding performers named to the squad include: Jason Drake (Willow Run), Tony Jackson (Willow Run), and Oscar Sanders (River Rouge).

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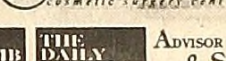
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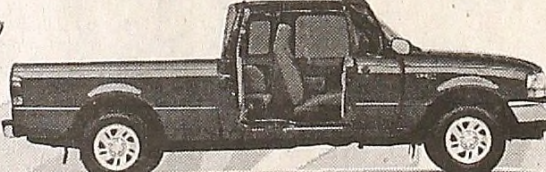
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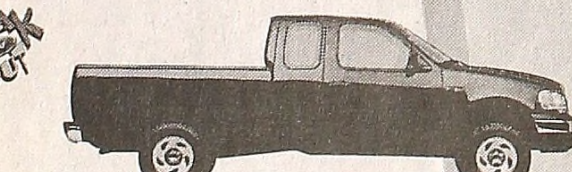
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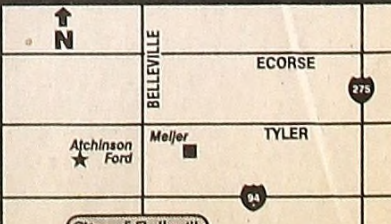


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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

POLICE-FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION is slated for April 17 by the V.F.W. Post 3323 and its Ladies Auxiliary at the Post Home 1055 S. Wayne road in Westland. Tickets are \$12.50. Call 734-728-7405 for more information.

PATRIOTIC ART PROGRAM for students in grades nine to 12 are being sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. Post 3323 in Westland. All art must be 8 by 12 inches or larger, and completed in watercolors, pencil, pastel, crayon, pen and ink or oil. For more information call 734-728-7405 or 734-459-8396 (after 6 p.m.).

ACCELERATED EDUCATIONAL DEGREES are being offered by Cornerstone College in Troy. The Christian-based college has been in operation for 50 years and is offered as associate and bachelor's degrees. Classes are now forming in the greater Metro Detroit area. Call toll free 877-878-4723.

RAILWAY HISTORY Dick Andrews will offer 160 slides on the old Detroit United Railway at 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne road, in Wayne. The program is being sponsored by the Wayne Historical Society.

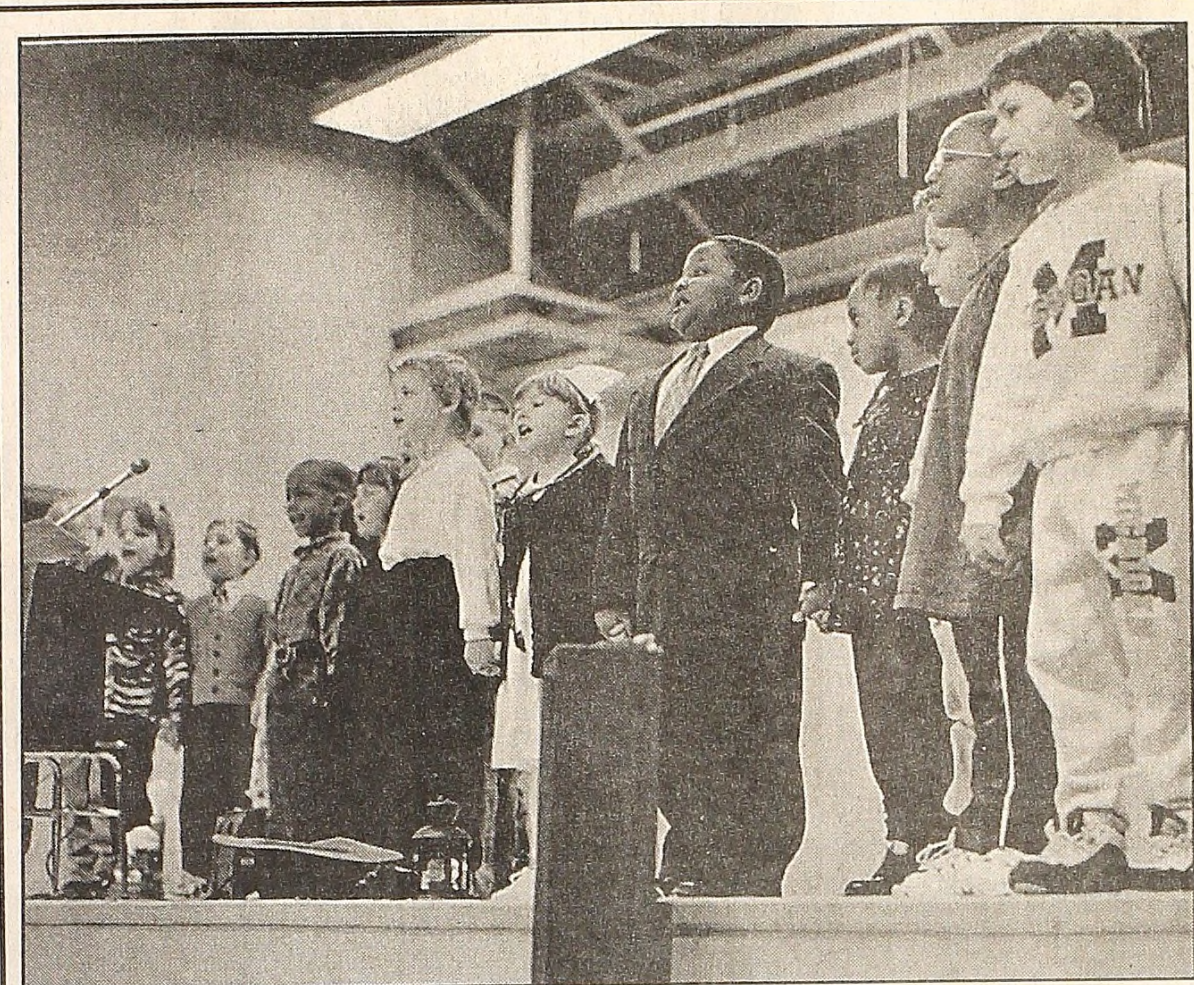
SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR TALK will be offered by Dave Washburn at 7 p.m. March 11 at the regular meeting of the Canton Historical Society. Talk will be at the museum on Canton Center road in Canton. Washburn also has an extensive uniform collection - including Spanish as well as American uniforms.

MOM'S CLUB OF WESTLAND will meet at 10 a.m. March 17 at the Newburgh United Methodist Church - although it is not a religious group. The support group aids mothers, who stay at home with their children. The group also performs service projects benefiting needy children in the community. For more information call Stephanie Stoliker, club president, at 734-266-2919. Church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

BEANIE BABY SHOW will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer st., Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults and teens, and \$2 for children four to 12. For more information call 734-455-2110.

LATINO POETS' ASSOCIATION will offer its 1999 annual Coffee House Poetry Series Kickoff from 7 to 10 p.m. March 12 at the Bowen Branch of the Detroit Public Library, 23648 W. Vernor in Southwest Detroit. For more information call 313-843-2352.

AUDITIONS SLATED at 7:30 on March 15 and 16 for the play *Blood Brothers* at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive) in Dearborn. Production dates are May weekends. For more information call Kim Donovan at 313-561-TKTS (press option 3).



Heritage Month celebration

More than 250 persons -- including Romulus Mayor William Oakley and his wife, Mary -- turned out Feb. 25 for the annual Barth Elementary School's Heritage Month celebration. Among the children shown above are Brenton Hamilton as Martin Luther King Jr. (center), Rachael Bagley as Florence Nightingale, Rachael Arthur as Rosa Parks and Christopher Bossidis as Garth Brooks. MCN Special Photo

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I REMEMBER MAMA slated to open this weekend at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 8 p.m. Friday show at 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive) in Dearborn. Other shows will be 8 p.m. Saturday and similar times other weekends this month. For more information call 313-561-TKTS.

NATIVE AMERICAN WORKSHOP is slated from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. March 13 at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail. Suitable for ages 8 and up, the fee is \$2 and registration needs to be made in advance. For more information call 734-261-1990.

EASTER BUNNY COMING will arrive at the Westland Shopping Center at 11 a.m. March 20. Easter Bunny will appear in the West Court (JC Penney area) as a prelude to an Easter Magic Show with Steve Ryder of Absolutely Baffling Magic.

ROMULUS HIGH HALL OF FAME is slated dinner event beginning at 6:30 p.m. on March 20 at the high school. The dinner will actually start at 7:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$14 each. Alumni members to be

honored include: Charley Lau, class of 1951; Winifred Wafer, class of 1968; Marjorie Bergman, class of 1966; and Dan Julien, class of 1950. For more information call Bergman at 734-941-0272 by March 17.

MEN'S GLEE CLUB CONCERT at the University of Michigan will be held at 8 p.m. April 17 at Hill Auditorium. Returning is director Jerry Blackstone and program will include selections from the classics, folk songs, contemporary pieces and songs also from the U of M's musical traditions. Tickets are \$10, \$12 and \$7 each. For more information call 734-764-1448.

FEAST AND FANFARE banquet sponsored by the Hospitality Studies Department at Henry Ford Community College will be held in the Student Center and the Administration Service Conference Center. This year's theme is a salute to the Academy Awards. Tickets cost \$35 per person. For more information call 313-845-9651.

BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK is slated for March 15-21 and will focus on modern medical advances in the area of epilepsy. A report will bring out that more men than women develop epilepsy and many cases also develop with minorities living in poverty. For more information call the Epilepsy

Foundation of Michigan at 1-800-377-6226.

LAST GUEST CONDUCTOR Gerard Yun will lead the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on March 12 featuring Trish Trash Polka tunes, selections from Les Miserables and Titanic. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. Cost includes cocktails and silent auction (6 p.m.), dinner at 6:30 p.m. and

the concert and live auction at 8 p.m. For more information call 734-451-2112.

READING-A FAMILY AFFAIR featuring Dr. Mary Bigler, reading expert and humorist, will share stories and ideas to parents and children at 5:30 p.m. March 23 at Meek School, 1771 Henry Ruff road. Public is invited.

BELIEVERS OUTREACH CONFERENCE will be held through tomorrow at the Faithway Full Gospel Baptist Church, 31500 Harrison in Inkster. Featuring Superintendent Don Shelby Jr. on March 11 and Elder Bennie L. Oliphant on March 12. For more information call 734-467-8668.

STORAGE SPACE SOUGHT by Caring Resources organizer Henrietta Ellis in the Canton-Plymouth area. Space is needed to store furniture or appliances needed for the program that aids families in the First Step program. Call Kathleen Salla at 734-397-6450 for more information.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS meeting is slated for 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park boulevard, Oak Park. A \$5 donation is taken at the door. Topics covered include divorce, child support, kidnapping etc. Call 248-354-3080 for more information.

AA MEETINGS for western Wayne County residents are slated everyday at noon and 6 p.m. at 36539 Goddard road in Romulus. For more information on program call 734-229-8436. Alanon meetings are held at 8 p.m. Tuesday and noon on Thursdays. For more information for friends and relatives of alcoholics call Jackie at 734-699-6552.

GED CLASSES are now being offered at the Romulus Library in both afternoon and evening classes. Call the Romulus/Van Buren Adult Ed for more registration at 734-941-0610. Other locations also are available.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL will be held at 7 a.m. March 19 at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information call 810-635-8807.

PLYMOUTH ADULT DAY CARE is now accepting applicants for its newly funded "Club Dementia" adult day program. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 734-451-1455.

CANCER SURVIVORS NEEDED for a two-hour focus group in the evenings of March 16 and 24 at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Participants must be 18 years and older and be within three years of having completed their cancer treatment. Participants will be paid \$50 each. For more information call 1-800-865-1125.

BELLEVILLE BANDS featuring the Freshman Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band and the Symphony Band, at 7 p.m. March 24 at the Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. There will be free admission.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW is slated for March 26, 27 and 28 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. Over 70 juried artisans will be displaying their talents. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 28. Admission is \$2 and lunch will be available. No baby strollers allowed. For more information call 734-459-0050.

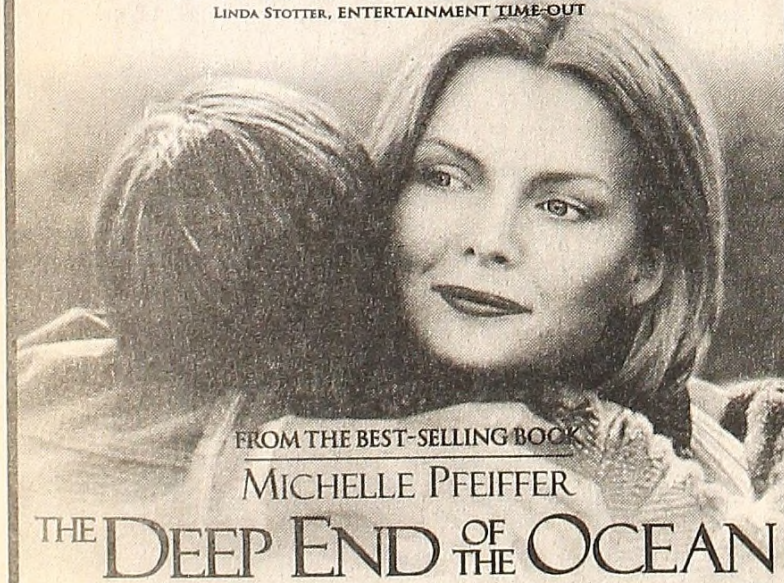


Capital scholars

Heather Wright of Romulus High School (second from left) joins State Rep. Raymond Basham and Taylor students at the state legislature facilities in Lansing recently. Joining them are Becky Wenglinkski of Kennedy High and Steve Sims of Truman High School. MCN Special Photo

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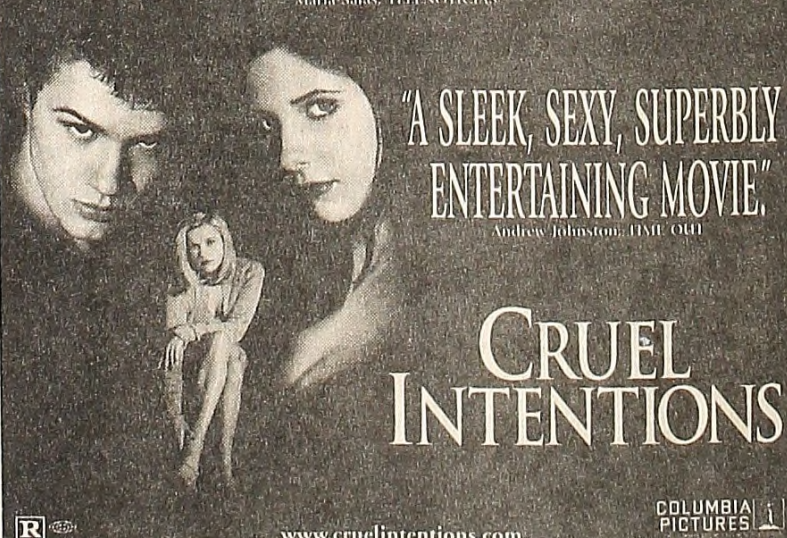
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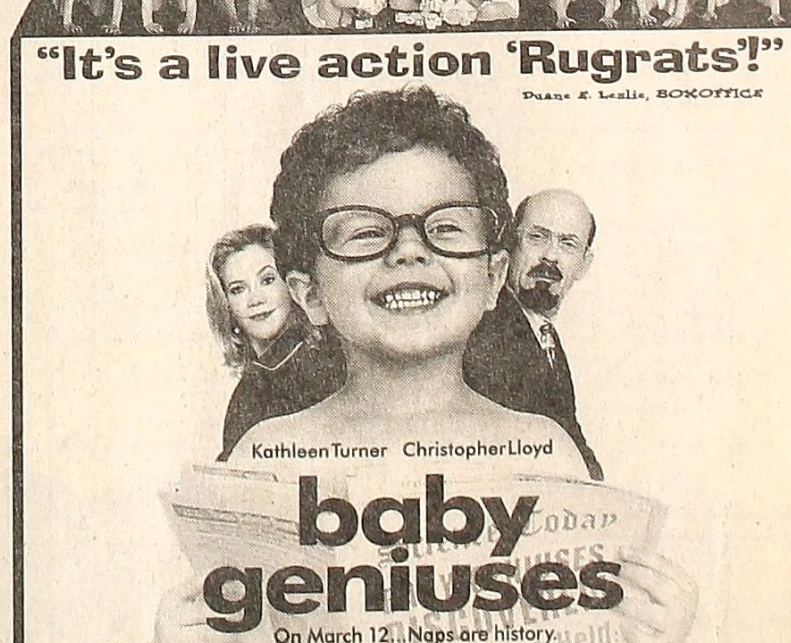
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Seniors on the move

March 11, 1999

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No lack of surprises in a newswriter's life

So you want to be a news-writer!

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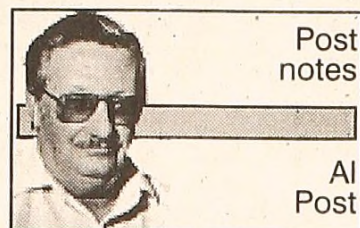
Well there are few regular days today ... particularly in the weekly newspaper field.

However the morning of March 3, 1999 -- between 8 and 9 a.m. will go down as far from regular.

While hectically preparing the six *Michigan Community Newspapers* for publication...this writer first got a call from Joel Carr, assistant superintendent of Romulus schools, informing me of the death of Zeffie Beanum...who was to be honored a week later at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 19th annual Person of the Year.

It proved to be the first time in history such a testimonial dinner had to be cancelled.

It later was revealed Zeffie was deeply moved by the private luncheon she attended in January, when Chamber President Larry Williams informed her that she was the 1999 Per-



Post notes

Al Post

son of the Year award winner.

Having been informed of Zeffie's hospitalization the day before, I had prepared a small story informing the public that the testimonial dinner had been cancelled.

That story thus needed a last minute change.

Minutes after hearing that disappointing news, a caller from Inkster informed this writer that a young Inkster High student had just been hit by a train and was not in good shape.

If that wasn't enough gloom for one writer to handle in a half hour, minutes later Carr called back and stated that a Romulus High student had just died of an undisclosed ailment.

"Don't know anymore than

that Al, but I felt you should know," Carr concluded.

Later luckily I found out that the Inkster girl, Crystal O'Neal, survived the train accident.

The next day, I also learned that the cause of death of the popular Romulus student -- Davette Edwards -- was a form of bacterial meningitis.

Thankfully none of Davette's siblings or fellow students or teachers were affected physically by the contagious disease.

However many teachers and students were impacted by her sudden death emotionally -- and extra counselors had to be called in last Wednesday to help them handle their grief.

Heavy crowds were reported over the weekend at O'Neal's viewing and funeral.

How do newsmen handle such ongoing events? By keeping your emotions in tact for the time being and then hopefully adjusting hours or days later.

For newsmen including myself such events also bring

back a flood of memories...such as meningitis ... since that disease impacted my own family twice.

Once it suddenly claimed the life of my 10-year-old brother (and room mate) and years later it caused a 10-day hospitalization of my three year old daughter.

Thank God in that second case, my daughter Dixie Marie, survived and carries no scars from her ordeal.

For those doubters, I must say it also helps to be a Christian in these crises.

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St. Pat's bash slated

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Cost is \$5 a ticket.

The video *Dr. Doolittle* featuring Eddie Murphy will be shown at 1 p.m. March 22 at the Romulus Senior Center. Refreshments will be served.

Be careful...Romulus seniors will be marking their Easter luncheon on April 1.

The dinner will include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad and des-

sert.

Tickets cost \$5.50 and must be picked up by 4:30 p.m. March 29.

Plan ahead, a geriatric health screening is planned for May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Health checks include those for blood pressure, cholesterol, urine analysis, hearing tests, TB and skin tests and much more.

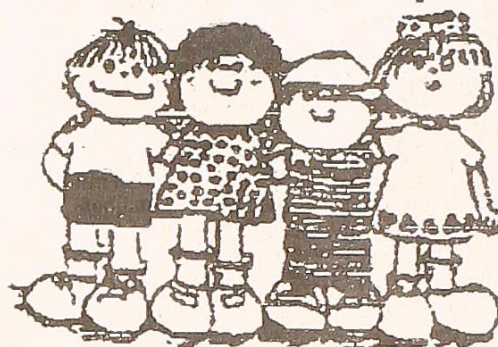
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BROWNLEE, HAROLD
Age 88 of Belleville, passed away March 2, 1999. Beloved husband of Irene. Dear father of Celia (William) and David. Also survived by 2 grandchildren. Services were held March 6, 1999 at Belleville First United Methodist Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by David C. Brown.

BUCHANAN, JEANETTE
Jean Glover also known as Jan or Janet, GM retiree, February 23, 1999, age 61 of Westland. Wonderful mother, sister, and friend. She is dearly loved and will be deeply missed. Dear mother of Colleen Kathy Fensom, of Wayne, Kenneth J. Buchanan of Taylor, Toni George of Farmington Hills, Terry Buchanan of Garden City, and Craig Buchanan of Dearborn Heights. Sister of George Glover of Livonia, Elwin Glover of Westland, Lida Hartman of Westland, and the late Arnold Glover and Mae Belle Adams. Grandmother of Candy Yax, Chris Fensom, Joe and Richard Respondek, Kelly Buchanan, Ashley, Garrett, and Tyler Buchanan, Adam George, Kyle, Erica, and Jennifer Buchanan, Derrick, Mckenzie, Brook,

Mason Buchanan. Great Grandmother of Katie Yax, Jacob Fensom, and Jacob Respondek. Also survived by four beautiful daughter in laws, Dawn, Ken's wife, Jan, Gary's wife, Cory, Terry's wife, Michelle, Craig's wife. Two wonderful wanna be son in laws, Dennis Bush, Toni's fiancée, and Jerry Aaron, Colleen's fiancée. Memorial services at the Uht Funeral Home, February 27, 1999. The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

BURESCH, MINNIE EMMA
Age 90 of Belleville, passed away March 1, 1999. Beloved wife of the deceased Frank. Dear mother of Frank (Joyce). Also survived by 3 grandchildren. Services were held March 5, 1999 at David C. Brown with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

CHEVELA, EVA P.
Age 80 of Jackson, passed away March 1, 1999. Beloved wife of the late Rudolph. Dear mother of Sylvia J. (Thomas), Sandra and Phillip (Polly). Also survived by 2 brothers, 1 sister, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held March 4, 1999 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park.

COLE, VINCENCIA
Age 70 of Canton, passed away Feb. 22, 1999. Dear mother of Joseph, William (Cynthia), Frank, Vincent, Patricia, David, Jami, Kevin (Elizabeth) and Sharon (Thomas). Also survived by 2 brothers, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Services were held Feb. 24, 1999 at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

DAVIS, EDWARD E.
Age 70 of Plymouth, passed away Feb. 28, 1999. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear father of Melinda (Larry) and Lisabeth (Brian). Also survived by 1 brother and 2 grandchildren. Services were held March 3, 1999 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Riverside Cemetery.

DUNHAM, SHEILA M.
Passed away March 1, 1999 of Westland. Beloved wife of David. Dear mother of Erin and Amy. Dear daughter of Mercedes McNamara and the late Edward. Dear sister of James, Kathleen, Edward Jr., Dennis, Timothy, Douglas and Maureen. Funeral Services were held March 5 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. Funeral Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church.

FOSS, STELLA MABLE
Age 78 of Westland, passed away Feb. 28, 1999. Beloved wife of the deceased Duane. Dear mother of Clarence (Eula), Joe (Mary), Robert (Martha), Ellen (Otto), Dorothy (David), Helen and Barbara. Also survived by 1 sister, 1 brother, 12 grandchildren and 9 grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded.

HALL, NORMA JEAN
Age 72 of Wayne, passed away Feb. 22, 1999. Dear mother of Gloria, Richard (Betty), Myra, Linda, Roger (Sherry), David (Ericka), Susie (Rick), Jerry (Christine), Wesley (Janet), Sandy and Kenneth. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

HARRY JOHN BRENNAN SALINE
Harry Brennan, long-time Saline area businessman and owner of Harry's Furniture, died March 2, 1999 at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He was 69.
Harry was born September 20, 1929 in Crosswell, the son of William and Grace (Levitt) Brennan. He had lived in Saline since 1955, moving here from Taylor. On August 12, 1950, he married Lillian M. Gonyon in Taylor and she survives.
Harry was a member of the Saline Masonic Lodge #133 F&AM, where he was a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. He also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Saline Chapter 311. Harry became an auctioneer in 1950, developing a number of

galleries throughout the state. One of these became Harry's Furniture, which Harry founded in 1953. Harry served on the Saline Township Tax Board of Review, and on the council at St. James United Church of Christ. He was an avid outdoorsman, and loved animals, and hunting and fishing. Harry was a member of the Michigan Horse and Pony Pulling Associations. In 1992, while digging a lake with his heavy equipment, Harry found prehistoric mastodon remains on his property. He enjoyed working with Professor Dan Fisher, paleontologist at the University of Michigan on gathering the remains together as well as discovering the only set of mastodon footprints in existence, now on display at the Museum of Natural History. Harry will be remembered as a "people person" and will be greatly missed by his family.
In addition to his wife, Harry is survived by: two children, Harry "Mike" (Linda) of Adrian and Mark (Janet) of Saline; 11 grandchildren, Heather, Jason, Crystal, David, Laura, Sarah, Ryan, and Harry II, and Nathan Bates; six brothers and sisters, Lee (Betty) Brennan of Detroit, Tom (Joyce) Brennan of Davison, Martha (Robert) Smith, Ila (Dave) Best, Al (Angie) Brennan, and Robert (Mary Lou) Brennan, all of Port Huron; and two nieces, Rose Handy of Saline and Deena Dickerson of Tecumseh. He was preceded in death by: his parents; three brothers, Russell, Raymond, and Stanley; and one sister, Marie Posa.
Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Saline with Rev. Ronald Boldman officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Saline.
Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home where friends may call Thursday and on Friday from 6-9 p.m., and on Saturday at the church from noon until the time of service. A Masonic service will be held

on Friday evening at 7:30.

HERBST, SR., DONALD A.
Age 50 of Belleville, passed away March 3, 1999. Beloved husband of Lavinia. Dear father of Amy (Billy), Donald, Tracy (John) and Marcia (Joe). Also survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, 5 grandchildren and his mother. Services were held March 6, 1999 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

HERMANN, PAUL M.
Age 64 of Belleville, passed away Feb. 26, 1999. Dear father of John, Richard (Renee), Lorrie (Roy) and Linda. Also survived by 2 grandchildren, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Services were held March 3, 1999 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

HIGGINS, BETTY
Passed away March 3 of Belleville. Beloved wife of the late Tom. Dear mother of Sue Higgins, Ricky, Frank, Tom, Kathy Bentley and Tim. 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Michigan. Funeral Service March 6 at the funeral home.

JANOWSKI, MARY ANNA
Age 84 of Plymouth, passed away Feb. 28, 1999. Dear mother of Eugene (Virginia), Christine (Walt), Lucy (David), Ludwik and John (Sophie). Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchildren. Services were held March 3, 1999 at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

KING, JOHN LLOYD
Age 80, passed away Feb. 10, 1999. Companion of Agnes L. Smith. Dear father of John and Caroline. Also survived by 1 brother and 2 grandsons. Services were held Feb. 13, 1999 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

MCMILLAN, DONALD R.
Age 64 of Wayne, passed away Feb. 10, 1999. Beloved husband of Vida. Dear father of Janet, Donna (Jerry) and Marty (Mary). Also survived by 1 brother, 1 sister, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 13, 1999 at Uht Funeral Home.

NIELSEN, GLENDEAN
Age 64 of Canton, passed away March 3, 1999. Father of Lisa (Johnny), Celia (Chris) and Larry (Mary). Also survived by 3 brothers, 2 sisters and 7 grandchildren. Services were held March 6, 1999 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

NITZ, KATHLEEN A.
Age 53, of Romulus, passed away February 15, 1999. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Dear father of Richard Jr. and Katharina (Paul) Cagle. Predeceased by 1 son, Ricky and 1 daughter, Sherry Lynn. Also leaves one grandson, Paul Jr., 22 brothers and sisters including Wilda Jean, Roger, Fred, Stanley, Leon, Jerry and Wilma. Funeral arrangements by The Martenson Funeral Home, Allen Park. Interment at Buckhannon Memorial Park, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

ORR, BARBARA H.
Age 78 of Belleville, passed away Feb. 26, 1999. Beloved wife of the deceased Charles. Dear mother of Albert (Petr), Donald, Barbara and James (Cecilia). Also survived by 7 grandchildren, 3 grandchildren and Hilda. Services were held March 2, 1999 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park.

PUCKETT, PATRICIA A.
Age 62 of Redford, passed away Feb. 26, 1999. Dear mother of Juan. Also survived by 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Services were held March 1, 1999 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with interment at Romulus Cemetery.

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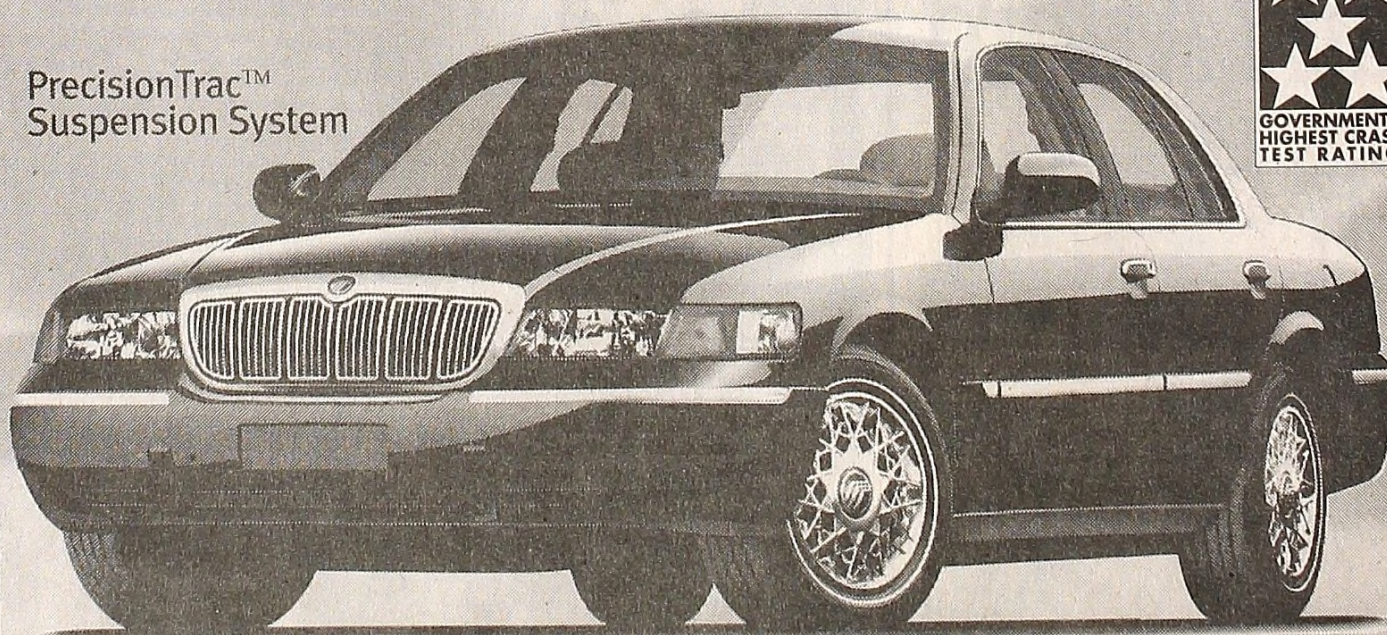
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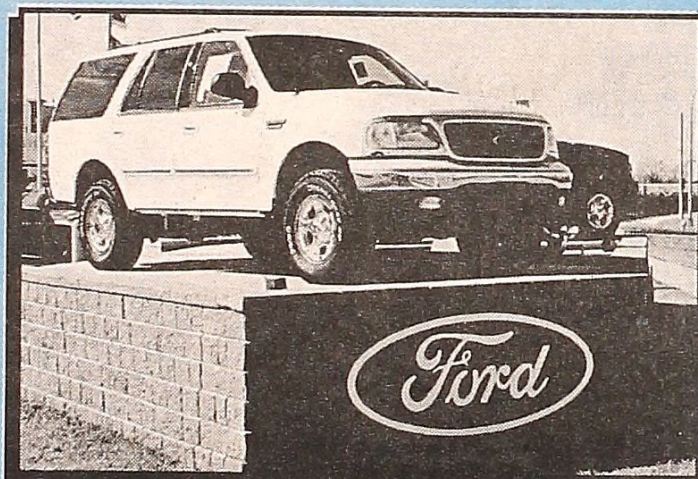
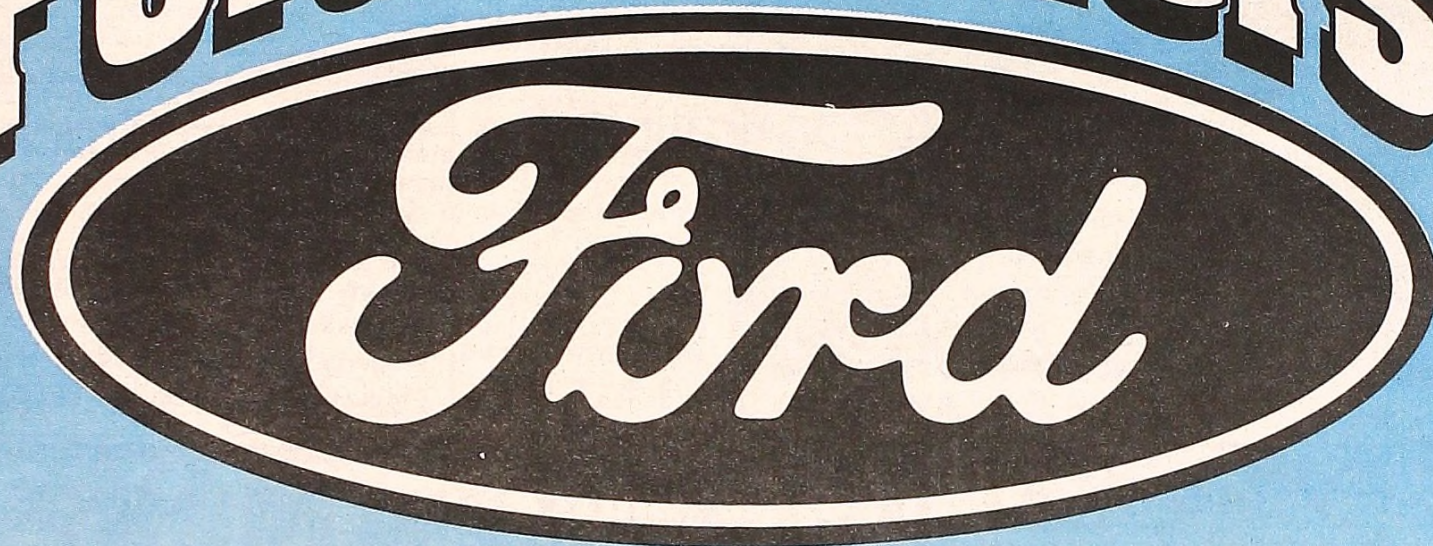
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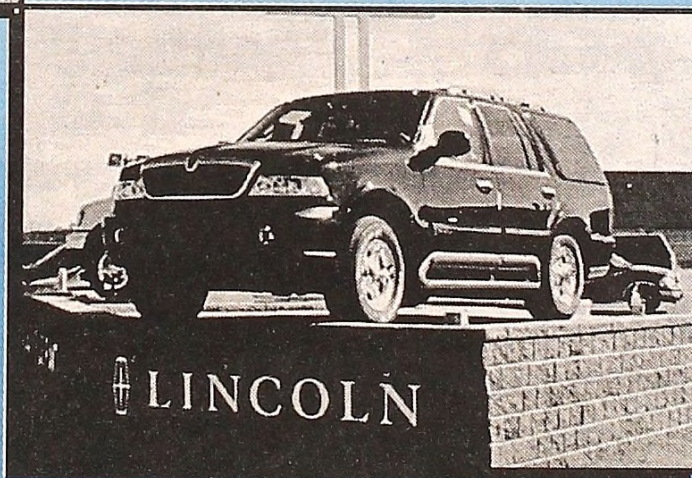
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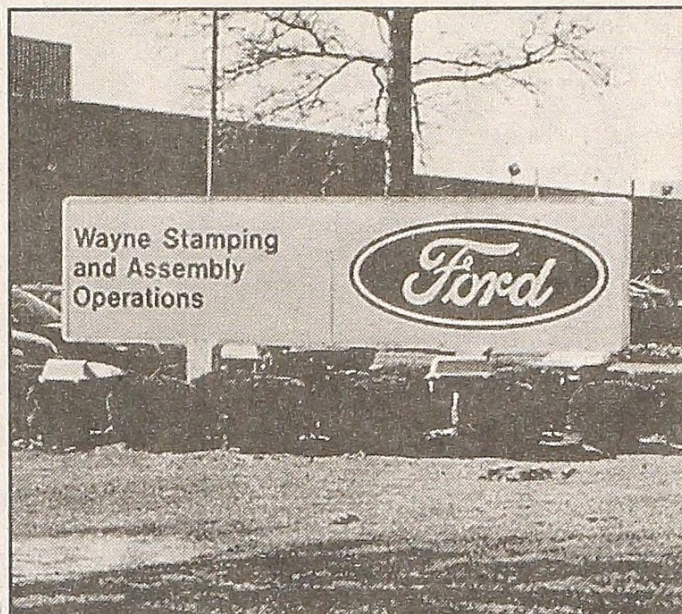
Profit sharing checks will benefit community

Ford Motor Company President and CEO Jacques Nasser announced in January record profit sharing for 1998. Profit sharing checks averaging \$6,100 were slated for distribution to eligible U.S. Ford employees on March 3.

"We achieved record earnings, and continued to lower total costs in 1998," said Nasser. "We earned several coveted productivity and quality awards, as well as top safety ratings. We achieved unprecedented truck sales. We've offered customers an environmentally kinder line-up and recently became the first an only automaker to achieve ISO 14001 certification for its plants in the U.S. and worldwide. Our efforts paid off in enhanced shareholder value."

Nasser attributed the successes shared by the company to the dedication and hard work of Ford's 340,000 employees. "I'm really proud of the Ford team and all we accomplished. And I want to personally thank you and applaud your efforts in every area," he said.

Since Ford began paying profit sharing in 1984, employees have received an average of more than \$32,575. The most recent check distribution marked the thirteenth payment under the Profit Sharing Plan was first agreed to by the UAW and Ford in 1982.



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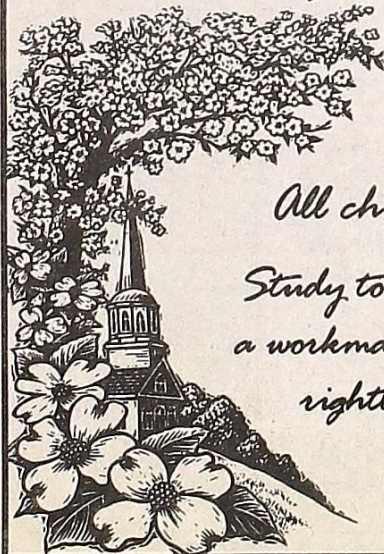
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Local businesses welcome Ford workers

This year, Ford employees are receiving record-breaking profit sharing checks, due to the company's outstanding financial health. The unexpectedly high windfall leaves Ford Motor Co. employees with a big question: How do you spend an extra \$6,100?

Certainly, some will reinvest in company stocks. Still others will pay off debts. But for those left wondering how to spend their profit sharing checks wisely, MCN enlisted the help of some local businesses. Following are their best ideas.

Potential home decorators will be thrilled with **Wild Wings'** selection of Thomas Kinkadee prints. They've been flying out of the store, located on Main Street in Plymouth.

If new carpeting is on your list of things to do, check out **Independent Carpet One**, on Wayne Road in Wayne. Their custom carpet design center is just one new feature of the store, and is sure to please the most creative home decorators. You pick the pattern, size and colors of your new carpet or rug, and let Independent Carpet One work their magic.

Or perhaps some new furniture is on your wish list. If so, **Mattress One** at Livonia's Wonderland Mall and the Ford Road location in Garden City, boasts a wide selection of factory-direct sofas, futons, bunk

beds and complete bedroom sets. Your profit sharing checks will go a long way at **Mattress One**, because their prices are always 40 to 50 per cent below the competition's.

Perhaps you're in the throes of spring fever. A trip to **Labadie's Casual Furniture**, on West at Fort Street in Trenton, will be a sure cure. Their brand new line of Brown Jordan sea grass furniture is durable enough for the patio, and pretty enough for the living room. The woven resin furniture is crafted in Indonesia, and is just part of the Michigan's largest display of wicker and rattan furniture.

Spring gardening is just around the corner. Prepare for impending warm weather days by stopping by **Barson's Greenhouse**, on Merriman in Westland. Their half-off sale on grub control products and protective plant covers will make stocking up on garden supplies easy on the wallet. And indoor gardeners will appreciate their 30 per cent off sale on six- to ten-inch house plants.

If gift shopping is on your list, visit **Mary E's Christian Book Store**, on South Wayne Road in Wayne. This new store has a wide selection of all types of Christian gifts, and with Easter and confirmations coming up soon, you can't go wrong with the Broadman & Holman Gift and Award Bible for just \$4.99.

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Engineer turns accident into opportunity

Mary Wroten never gave much thought to working in the auto industry until one month before her 21st birthday.

Traveling on a Michigan interstate, she was involved in a serious car crash which left her with a broken back. Wroten, an avid softball player, spent months after her accident in an extensive physical therapy program which confined her in a back brace for six months.

During the time she spent in the hospital and the hours of physical therapy that followed, Wroten made the decision to pursue a career in the auto industry. She wanted to ensure that her family and friends would never have to endure the pain she experienced in physical therapy after the crash.

"When I was in the hospital after my accident, I decided I wanted to make a difference, and know that one day I am going to save someone's life," Wroten said.

That was more than four years ago. Today, Wroten, a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in biomedical engineering, works as a crash development engineer in Ford's vehicle crash safety program.

Wroten's number one job responsibility is to deliver five-star rated

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- Mary Wroten

vehicle—the highest government safety rating attainable. Ford's Windstar and Taurus currently boast five-star ratings and Wroten is looking to Ford's involvement in racing to help her reach those lofty goals with other Ford vehicles.

Wroten, in conjunction with her primary safety role, also pulls double duty as the lead project engineer for Ford Racing Advanced Technology's Impact Sensor Program, a joint safety program between CART and Ford Racing to explore the tolerances of the human body. Wroten is responsible for gathering the data from in-car impact recorders, or "blue boxes," which are similar in concept and design to the black boxes used to reconstruct airplane crashes.

At the track, Wroten's job begins when a race driver's job ends, after an accident. Within minutes of the car returning to the garage, Wroten

grabs her laptop computer and is off to download the crash data from the recorder.

"Having the means to acquire high g-force impact data from actual humans is something that you are not going to get volunteers for," she said. "Unfortunately, there are accidents in racing, and if it's going to happen, we should take advantage of what can be learned from it."

"These recorders not only help us improve the safety of Champ Cars, but they also shed light into the tolerances of the human body," Wroten said. "It's amazing to learn what the human body can tolerate and what its limits are."

The information that is being gathered from two years of racing accidents is helping Ford engineers refine, validate and test new computer-designed human crash models to enhance the way Ford crash tests vehicles.

The nearly all-male world of rac-

ing is like a fraternity, whose brotherhood of engineers didn't at first understand what Wroten was doing in the cockpit of the cars.

"Although all of the drivers are male, and most of the team engineers and mechanics are male, they have been very helpful and understanding of the job I do. Being a woman in this job can be difficult at times. When I first started, there was a little bit of eyebrow raising by some of the male team members, but that quickly went away once they understood what I was there to do," she said.

Wroten, a self-proclaimed race fan, has found the assignment very rewarding. "Now when there is an accident, the teams expect to see me. I think, if anything, they are eager to learn how hard the impact was that the driver and car took," Wroten said.

When Wroten isn't examining smashed race cars, she has found her way back to her beloved softball diamond, and has set a goal of smashing something else this year.

"I want to hit a homer clear out of the park this year. I've come close before, but this year, I want to hit one over the fence," she said.

Some would say, based on her work in the Ford Racing program, she's hit one already.

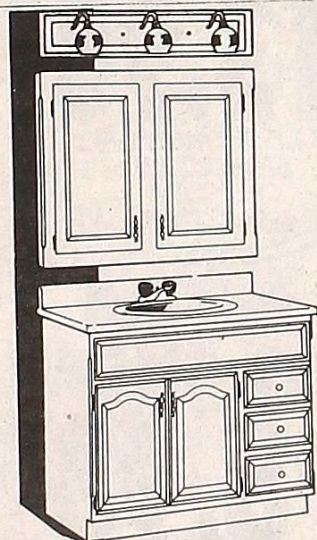
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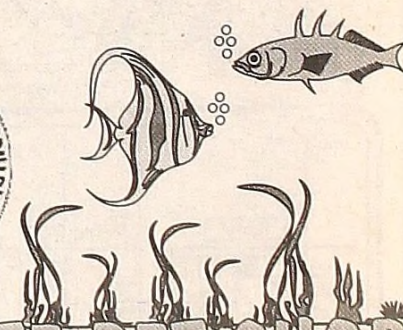
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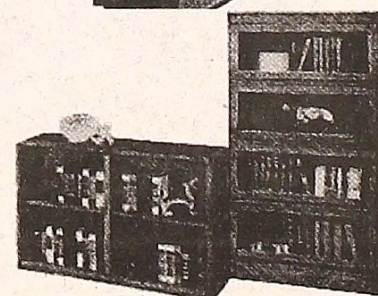
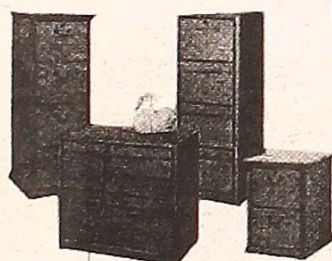


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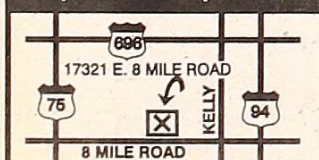


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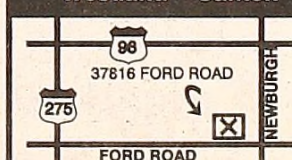
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In September, 1964, shortly after the launch of the 1965 model, a second production shift was added. During the first half of 1965 the plant was expanded by 300,000 square feet, doubling its size. This expansion accommodated the introduction of Bronco and bus production for the 1966 model year. From 1969 to 1979, the Michigan Truck Plant workforce and production gradually increased, with facility expansion for such areas as the Body Shop, warehouse space, and an expanded Trim department.

In 1980, the recession hit Michigan Truck and the plant produced only 81,433 units, the lowest total volume since the 1964 model year. As a result of this production decrease, the second shift was discontinued.

Beginning in 1988, increased demand for Ford trucks and Broncos resulted in new expansions, increased line speeds, and the reinstatement of the second shift.

On Jan. 11, 1988, the three-millionth truck, and F-150 Lariat, rolled off the final line amid cheers from employees and media representatives.

The plant continues to prosper. In 1993, Ford opened its \$189 million "state-of-the-art" paint facility. At the end of 1994, the \$60 million world class phosphate E-Coat facility opened, and by February of the following year, Michigan Truck Plant became the first Ford Assembly Plant to launch a three-crew operating pattern.

The plant now operates seven days a week, with a 20 per cent greater building capacity. On June 12, 1996, Michigan Truck saw the last Ford Bronco roll off its line. It was a white XLT and the 1,152,890th Bronco. During its 30-year lifetime, the Bronco was built only at the Michigan Truck Plant. In July, 1996, the 572,000 square foot high tech body shop opened. In conjunction with this opening, the plant began producing the newly-designed, best-selling F-150 and the Ford Expedition., the 1997 North American In-

Historical highlights

Ford Motor Company, the world's largest producer of trucks, and the second largest automotive manufacturer, has come a long way since its turn-of-the-century beginnings. Here's a list of the company's historical highlights.

- 1903--Ford incorporates and sells its first vehicle--the Model A.

- 1913--Ford develops the first moving automobile assembly line in Highland Park, Mich.

- 1917--Ford introduces the first Ford truck.

- 1922--Lincoln Motor Co. purchased for \$8 million.

- 1932--Ford builds first V-8 car.

- 1956--Public sale of company stock begins.

- 1959--Ford Credit incorporates.

- 1966--One millionth Mustang built after fewer than two years of production.

- 1967--Ford of Europe established.

- 1981--Escort captures world record for the fastest first million units built of any new car.

- 1990--Jaguar Cars Ltd. is fully acquired.

- 1995--The company launches Ford 2000.

- 1996--Ford celebrates the production of the 250-millionth vehicle.

- 1997--Ford launches Visteon Automotive Systems (formerly APO), its worldwide components business.

- 1998--Ford completes spin-off of Associates First Capital Corporation.

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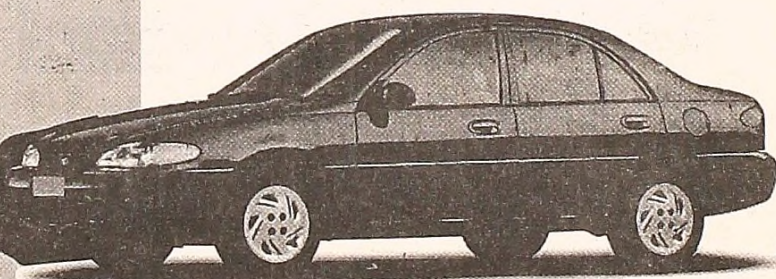


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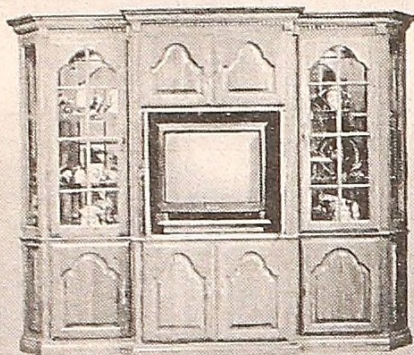
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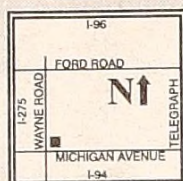


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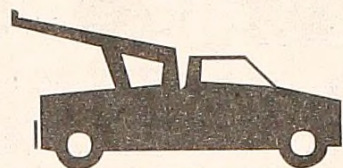
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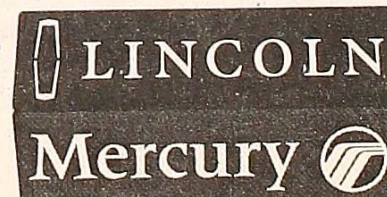
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While racing components are usually designed and built during a brief off-season, or between events, the constant evolution of a racing car requires constant changes in components, computers and chassis setup. Under super-tight deadlines, racing program personnel are subjected to development cycles which are mind-boggling compared to production vehicle conditions.

"If you run into a problem, racing usually doesn't give you much time to analyze it," says Dan Davis, director, Ford Racing Technology. "You can't take it back to Detroit, attend a committee meeting a week later,

have a sub-committee meeting a week after that, then make a decision."

In racing's fast-paced, pressure-filled atmosphere, the teams, drivers and sponsors who execute revisions, discover and implement changes, faster than their similarly-eager competition, is the team that emerges victorious. On any given Sunday, a team of Ford engineers faces pressures that could intimidate even the most daring adventurer.

Like rock climbers and Outward Bound participants, these trailblazers have no choice but to rely on one another, operating as a team under the most challenging conditions.

"You learn to make decisions quickly, knowing that those decisions can be the difference between winning and losing on Sunday," Davis said. "Working under those conditions, and with the team people who are used to those conditions, helps change attitudes about work."

The Ford engineers who serviced the EEC-V engine management system in racing programs for many years returned to production engineering with knowledge and skills they developed in an environment far different from mainstream pro-

duction work.

Engineer Kerry Baldori, who worked with the Newman-Haas CART Champ Car team knows very well just how different. "In production development, the process goes through advanced engineering, then it's handed over to forward model engineering, and then production engineering," explained Baldori. "In racing, resources are more limited and one small group does it all. You see the whole process from concept to finished product, so you get a better understanding of the car as a system."

Racing engineers are exposed to some other harsh realities, as well. Weight and space are sacred commodities: ever added ounce saps acceleration, and every cubic inch adds aerodynamic drag. The tolerances and criteria found in every facet of a race car are as stringent as the security and timeframe of the program itself.

The demands are intense, but the urgency produces benefits. It speeds up development of innovative, practical technology, as well as processes, systems, and components that often transfer to the production mainstream. It also fosters quick, practical thinking and problem solving that engineers take with

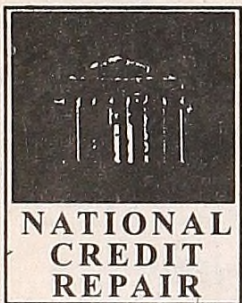
them throughout their careers.

"Racing attracts people with a will to win and develops people who know how to win," Davis says. "They must push their capabilities to the limits, exploring new ideas and new materials."

Like individuals in the racing arena, components are often pushed to levels on a daily basis which one might only encounter once in a lifetime in the production car world. A Ford F-150 truck entry might experience a 15-foot drop during an off-road desert race. Even under the heaviest use, a production world F-150 may be subject to a five-foot drop, still an uncommon maneuver. By designing components for extremes, Ford engineers can transfer their knowledge, resulting in a happy F-150 driver who barely notices otherwise treacherous potholes.

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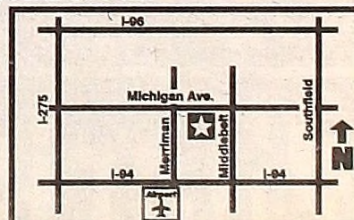
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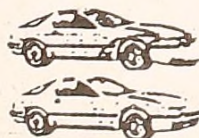
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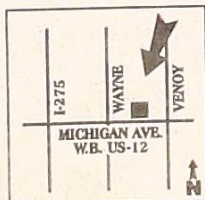
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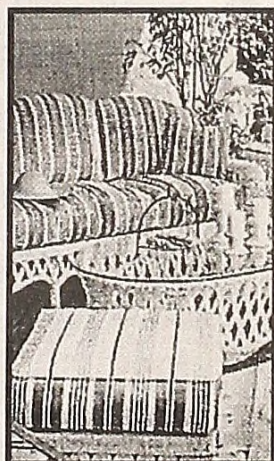
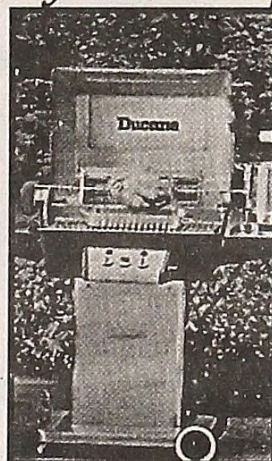
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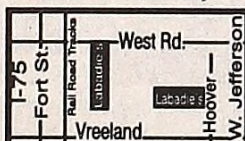
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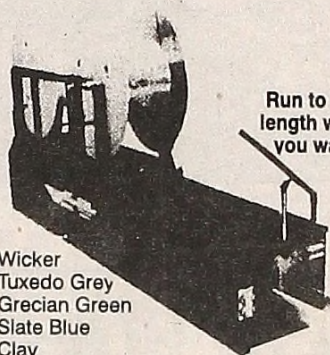
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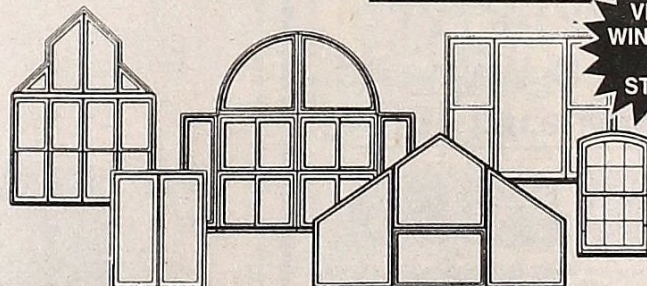
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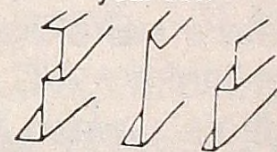
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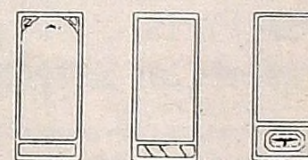
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